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The Blessings of the New Year



What follows is from two of Hyung-jin nim's sermons and his remarks at a meeting of Headquarters Church leaders. It begins with an excerpt from one of his sermons to a Korean congregation at the Headquarters Church on Sunday, January 3.

TTrue Parents gave us the motto for 2010, "Mansei for oneness with True Parents' pure heart and with all their victories under the authority of the Cosmic Sabbath centered on true love."¹ I would like to take this time to share a little bit on the subject of having a blessed 2010.

You will all remember that last year True Parents gave us "The era of proclaiming the victory of absolute sexual ethics, the right of true love, true life and true lineage in the realm of the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth" as the motto. They began an era in which victory could be proclaimed. In 2010, however, "proclaiming" has changed to "mansei for."

True Parents have done so much work to advance the providence. Always in the Completed Testament providence, a proclamation creates a turning point. Everything is tied off in stages. We can shout mansei after we are successful in doing something. True Father said that 2009 was the year that took us past the summit of the number nine. After climbing that summit, we now welcome 2010 as a new beginning. So, beginning with the motto for the year, True Parents have given us a message of blessing.

Brothers and sisters, please consider that in 2009 we truly made possible many things that we thought were impossible. Expert journalists in the field of religion from the topmost newspapers participated in our recent meeting with the press. One journalist asked what had changed in the Unification Church in 2009. I explained such points as our church organization having become more transparent, and more expert, that we were deciding on church leadership by elections, and that our participation in Sunday services had risen from around ten thousand to eighteen thousand for the first time in thirty years. 2009 was a year of making the impossible possible.

[Hyung-jin nim mentions that Yonsei University is teaching about the HSAUWC business foundation's turnaround.] Brothers and sisters, our Unification faith is having an influence on society! Let's do our five percent, and we will be able to experience God actualizing all that He has prepared, right in front of our eyes. We made better results in 2009 than we did in 2008. We are entering 2010 with dignity, with the air of victors.

Brothers and sisters! True Parents gave us an amazing message in calligraphy,² "Mansei for oneness with True Parents' pure heart and with all their victories under the authority of the Cosmic Sabbath centered on true love." The first words in the message are "true love."³ What kind of love is that? It is the love expressed in the seven deaths and resurrections, in completing the eight stages. If we look at the course of Father's life with our spiritual eyes open, we can grasp that with this kind of love one can die, die and die again for one's children. It is a love that can save even Satan. With this kind of love, True Parents have brought victory. They have begun 2010 with true love.

True love as expressed in "the Cosmic Sabbath centered on true love" means the love of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind—which is the unified love of God and True Parents. In other words, the realm of the Sabbath in the cosmos—the great house full of the love of the Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind (which is God and True Parents' love)—comes into being.

Father next wrote, "oneness with [True Parents'] pure heart and with all victories" [청심일 만승일]. True Father had written this in calligraphy in December 1996.⁴ Here, *cheongshim* means a

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1 The 2010 motto as revised by True Father

2 That is, the 2010 motto.

3 In the order it appears in Korean, the motto begins with "true love."

4 It hangs in the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

참사랑 天宙安恩 權濟心 一男稼 一美哉

참사랑 천주안식권 청심일만승일 만세

In early February, True Father slightly revised the motto for the year by changing just one Chinese character, the one meaning "realm," into a character meaning "authority" or "right," both of which are pronounced *gwon*. The new character featured in the motto and other events last year. The new translation of the motto has been approved to read as follows:

Mansei for oneness with True Parents' pure heart and with all their victories under the authority of the Cosmic Sabbath centered on true love

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True God's Day Morning Speech

Excerpts from what True Father said on January 1, 2010



Now that a new heaven and earth is beginning, with God enthroned as the king, can we waver back and forth? Of all the eventful days anywhere in the world, which day do you think is worth noting and recording? [Father is reading from a small notebook.] This is a notebook I bought at the beginning of the thirteen-year period. I bought and used it before we began the work of establishing Cheon Il Guk, and the first time I wrote something in it was on October 3, 2001. What day was that day? It was the Foundation Day for the Unified World Nation.¹ What is the Foundation Day? That year saw the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and

¹ On this holiday in 2004, Father changed its name to "Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth."

the beginning of a new heaven and earth.

So "you and I," the concept of "we," begins from God. Otherwise, there cannot be you or I, or we. Is there someone called Rev. Moon? You and I—we—all began from God. I am in the land where only God can reign as the owner, and that's the nation where our home is! Who does it start from? [From God!] This is something wonderful.

The Republic of Korea is a small nation on a peninsula, one of the three nations of the Far East, and here dwell the people who know only the unique, time-honored Lord of that nation.²

You and I, we—the people established by God—cannot be ostracized or destroyed. When I was young, I lived in a village of people who had been driven there by the Japanese-controlled Korean government. This nation began from God, however, and a nation that attends God will never be destroyed. I learned and understood that fact from a very young age.

My ninetieth birthday is only forty-nine days away, and yet I still do not own a piece of land or even one piece of property. What must the king of beggars do if he has gone to Las Vegas eighteen times but does not have the time, and the environment does not give him the freedom, to sow the seeds of the blessing there?

October 3, 2001, the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World, the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and the beginning of a new heaven and earth! First of all, you need to know that the words "you," "I" and "we" begin from God. "I" and "we" begin from God! Without God, I could have never known who I was.

Who am I? I am the person who teaches about God, and if God's will exists, I am the one who knows about it and teaches it to you; and if God's love exists, I am the person who teaches about that love; and if God has possessions, I am the one who can teach you God's singular will from the position of the one who can always be the owner. It's not possible that someone would not find hope in such a mission and calling, is it?

No matter how great God is, and regardless of the fact that He is the one supreme being, He too would be gone if He did not have an object partner. If a person needs another person and adds to that person's revealed value, one plus two becomes three.

[Father resumes reading from his notebook] The announcement of the era of the opening of the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk, and the new year's motto given on January 1, "Eog Mansei for the Sacred Reign of Peace in Cheon Il Guk, the Realm of Cosmic Peace." Aju! It is all in here. Here, also, are the special instructions given at the World Leaders' Meeting on True Parents' Birthday on February 26, 2007!... The instructions given on the forty-eighth Children's Day, on November 11, 2007, the questions in regard to the preparation for the rally on December 17, 2007, the list of the king tribes in Korea, the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel, the Bering Strait Tunnel, and so on...

The 2008 New Year's motto, "Mansei for the Ssang Hap (combined) Jubilee Years, the Seventh and Eighth Years of Cheon Il Guk Based on the Universal Peace Federation." The announcement of the era of the new Korea, the era of the perfection and embodiment of True Parents, the era of freedom and liberation, the era of the kingship centered on God, the era of the overall, complete, perfect

2 Probably a reference to *Hananim* (God). In Korean, *hana* means "one," hence the concept of the unique lord.

authority and omnipotence...

The 2009 New Year's motto was about the realm of the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth... In addition to that, the path the sperm travels in the relationship of absolute sexual ethics, true love and the true father... The sperm set out but have yet to come to rest, so they have been waiting for thousands of years for the day on which they can find their place. The true-life relationship, the path of the mother's ova, the realm of the unity of the three conditions, the era of the three children starting out, the era of fruition...

Instructions. The perfection of the individual, family, nation, world, cosmos and God, the completion of the cosmos, connecting to the era of the free fruition of the blessed families—liberation and freedom, the eternal fatherland and the world of peace.

And below it is written, May you enjoy your inheritance, Aju!

Next is May 4-6, 2009, centered on May 5. The era of the realm of true love, the era of eternal prosperity, the era of the Family Party, the era of the Abel Party, the era of the Parent Party, the Party of Absolute Unity and Stability, the Party of the Equilibrium of God... There is nothing after that. I haven't written anything after May 4-6.

As we mark the tenth year of Cheon Il Guk... Special note! It is the era of the unification of the new and the old calendars, the era of the unification of the old calendar and the Western calendar. Why should that be so? In the era of the unification of the new and the old calendars, you need to calculate horizontally and vertically, centering on the left hand. To calculate the sexagenary cycle, you need to use your left hand, not on your right hand.

The satanic realm, which is close to this world, is to the left. It is a world completely buried in materialism. It is the materialist era—because it contradicts the theistic era. The left hand is trying to get rid of the right hand, and it calculates horizontally and vertically. If you were to look at it centering on the left hand, you could see the twelve signs—rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, chicken, dog and pig.³ Do you know how to work out the sexagenary cycle?⁴ You need to know how to do it, from now on. If you don't, you will not be able to understand the real substance of Divine Principle.

There was *Explanation of the Divine Principle*.⁵ That was in 1957, right? It was after the liberation of Korea. Next came the Divine Principle in 1966, and what came next? The substantial Divine Principle appeared on May 5 of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk!⁶ Since then, we have studied the real substance of Divine Principle.⁷

The liberation of God in His heart began from that point. God has not yet been liberated. Though people have argued about the communist and the religious realms based on the theories of humanism and theism, the Won-gu Peace Cup Cain and Abel Cosmic Harmony Rally and Settlement Era encapsulates the issues! This is the path you must follow...

Now then, here are the special notes as we usher in the tenth year of Cheon Il Guk! It is the era of the unification of the old

3 Each representing a year, recurring as part of a twelve-year cycle

4 Combining the twelve signs in sequence with each of the five basic elements—metal, water, wood, fire and earth—results in a sixty-year cycle.

5 This is the usual translation of this title, but the book doesn't exist in English.

6 This date of transition between the eras before and after the coming of heaven

7 Father appears to be referring to the actual Principle in substance rather than an expression of it. This is what the Original Divine Principle workshops seek to teach.



Assisted by Shin-joon nim, True Parents conclude the second celebration of the 43rd True God's Day with cheers of mansei

and new calendars. There is no need for the Gregorian calendar. Did you know that our lunar calendar has a thousand-year history as a perpetual calendar, and that lunar calendars have been used for ten thousand years?⁸ The lunar calendar can be extended or shortened, which can't be done with the Gregorian calendar. That is how twelve months become thirteen months every four years.

It is difficult to cross the number thirteen, the thirteen summits. Once we cross the thirteenth summit, a new heaven and earth will come to be.

That would be the day on which God would be done with the making of textbooks and teaching materials. What textbooks? They are not textbooks from me, Rev. Moon. They are from the king of kings! The king of kings and God—not one or the other, but the two—united as one in the spiritual and physical worlds to make these books.

What could God do if He were alone? Even though He would be breathing, He would have no object partner to love. There would be no need for Him to live then. Not even God Himself can live in only one digit. How could the absolute, unique God become the God of goodness and the God of evil? God as the subject partner and God as the object partner must stand on a horizontal level and occupy two digits.

With one digit, you can't reach any great number—not ten, a hundred, a thousand or ten thousand. If God were alone, He would disappear. That is why I talked about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division before, didn't I? If you add one to one, it becomes two....

⁸ Koreans refer to the two calendars only as Eastern and Western, never "lunar" or "solar," which is more specifically, the Gregorian calendar.

Even if you are alone, and you wanted to form a sphere in which up and down, left and right were connected, how would you do that?⁹ To become a sphere, up, down, left and right need to be connected; within the sphere these four can be separate from each other....

Everything is connected. In other words, there isn't an odd number. Therefore, centering on the even number, the number nine becomes ten. Until September, we went up in one-digit numbers, until nine. Ten, eleven and twelve are no longer single-digit numbers. From ten it goes up to two digits. As it becomes ten and the tenth stage is reached, something horizontal comes into being in relation to the vertical realm.¹⁰

Everything adds up. That is why everything I have worked out becomes an even number and does not remain an odd number; everything comes together. Once Heaven's bloodline, and not Satan's bloodline, comes into its original place, there is nothing that cannot be done; everything becomes connected and Satan's bloodline disappears automatically, because it does not have an object....

Before the Divine Principle appeared, whoever went to the spirit world remained alone. Whether a man and a woman went together, or even if a husband and wife went together, they could not remain together, but had to separate. Only when you become the object, and form an even number, can you meet. It is only in the Unification Church that the way is established through which one can enter the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world, centering on the family. That is the inevitable conclusion, because of the connection of the bloodline untainted by the Fall. Aju!...

Do you think the Unification Church will come to ruin? Even if the Unification Church came to ruin, what do you think would happen to the textbooks, the teachings I have given? What are they? What books are these? [Textbooks.] They are textbooks, and what else are they at the same time?

Anyone can make a textbook, even now. The most famous university in the world would be in a position to make an encyclopedia. Anyone can make one, but no one could make my teaching materials, because no one knows the content. In this book, not one thought of my own is included. They are all God's thoughts. Because they were all taught by God, they all follow reason, so what would happen even if we came to ruin? God cannot come to ruin.

Since that is the irrevocable truth, if you follow behind God and receive His protection, right before your eyes you can see the place where you are supposed to dwell. You know what to do then. I know what I have to do. I have been raised to my present, important position in this chaotic world. So, what do you think will happen even if more complicated problems arise, as long as I am connected to God? Know that you can be connected to what I have accomplished through my having reached this lofty goal. Have confidence. It is good to remember the fact that the path our Unification Church is to follow will surely be a wide one.

If you don't like this, do what you like! Live as you please. But even if you do that, keep the textbook in your bosom and give it to the religious believers or the prophets who can foretell the future in your towns, and ask them, "Please, enlighten our descendants!" Then even if you are gone, there is a possibility of building a new nation. Since the textbook and the teaching materials exist, those who make an effort will inevitably reach their destination—because it is their destiny. This is the only possible conclusion, Aju! *TW*

⁹ Father refers to family relationships as three dimensions: parents and child, husband and wife, siblings. These three axes create three-dimensional, spherical motion.

¹⁰ A reference to the expansion of God's realm in the substantial universe (horizontally), whereas God is vertical, without substance



True Parents Celebrate True God's Day on Lunar New Year



On True God's Day, January 1, Father spoke about uniting the lunar and Gregorian calendars centering on the lunar calendar. On January 8, he directed that all church holidays be celebrated by the lunar calendar. True God's Day was thus celebrated on the first day of the lunar year. On 2010.1.1 (February 14)—the 43rd True God's Day and 9th anniversary of the Coronation for the Kingship of God—it was announced that the heavenly calendar [tentative translation], based on the lunar calendar, would begin from that day. *Photos, clockwise, from the cake cutting: True Parents sing (despite Father's hoarseness); Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim; Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim; Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim; and (left to right) Hoon-sook nim, In-jin nim, Ye-jin nim, Choi Yeon-ah nim with Shin-yuh nim.*



A South Korean Prison Experience

July 4 - October 4, 1955

Father leads an outdoor service in 1955



In this installment, the twentieth to appear in Today's World, Father describes his incarceration in Seodaemun Prison in Seoul in 1955. Parts of the prison are still preserved as a museum that is open to the general public.

The text for this issue is drawn from the third chapter of the third book of the series True Parents' Life Course (참부모님 생애 노정). The books were compiled from Father's speeches over many years, and his reminiscences are arranged more or less chronologically in the form of an autobiographical account.

Even in 1954, the year we launched the Unification Church, opposition to us in South Korea was nationwide. Everyone opposed us. The second course to indemnify the New Testament Age covered the years 1955, 1956 and 1957. I went to prison again. Persecution further intensified. In accordance with the Principle, a three-year indemnity period is always needed.

Something happened in 1955; I was imprisoned. People said "Get that Rev. Moon and kill him!" It was July 4. They said I was a communist. They heaped all kinds of allegations on me, including ones about what I had done in the past. They said I was a communist and accused me of perpetrating all the evils of the world. The blame for all past wrongs was placed on my shoulders. If something was bad, they said it was because of me.

Because I am a Korean, the starting point of the providence was Korea. Because it began from here, Korean Christianity represented Christianity worldwide. So, as the Christian church and the nation opposed me it meant the whole world was caught up in that. It was hard for me to bring even one person to my side. Satan's camp attacked me through a whirlpool of persecution, in the same way that they had put Jesus on the cross. The July 4 situation was typical of this.

Even now I have not forgotten the contemptuous treatment I received. The jeers penetrated right to my bones and remain there. If I were the only one to have suffered, that would have been all right, but the foundation for the nation and for the democratic world, which had been thousands of years in preparation, collapsed.

The forces behind the accusations

I was imprisoned by Syngman Rhee's administration in the Korean Republic. So the Rhee administration was an enemy. Those people threatened with physical harm and menaced me. To get rid of me, they put me in prison. I went to prison for the sake of the Republic of Korea.

The Seodaemun incident occurred as a result of an attempt to protect the credibility of Maria Park and Francesca Rhee¹ by President Rhee and five government ministers. For that purpose, they did many things against me. I know that in those days the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Information, the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Foreign Affairs worked together to get rid of me. Some people under them came and informed me that the government had collaborated with Christian leaders in plotting against me.

Why was it that everyone was silent when the Unification Church was mentioned? This began because of fear, but the Korean public misunderstood and thought it was because we were a bad group. During the administration, people were told not to go to the Unification Church. People misunderstood and thought it was because the church was bad. We were opposed out of fear rather than hatred, and there was a big commotion.

Under suspicion of violating the Military Service Law

In 1955, through the incident at Ehwa University and other incidents as well, all Korea rose in an uproar to put me away. One day the Dong-Ah Ilbo was supporting me and the next it was opposing me. Thus, the five main government ministers drew up a plan to catch and destroy this guy, Rev. Moon. They planned this with the Rhee regime, but no matter how deep they delved, I had done nothing wrong. Though they were looking for all kinds of heinous crimes to charge me with, do you think they could find anything I was guilty of?

They investigated me and spread all kinds of strange rumors about me, but no matter how much they investigated, they couldn't find a thing. They couldn't capture and get rid of me, could they? They came up with a charge of "evading military service." I had come down from North Korea and had served time in prison in the meantime, so I was past the age of eligibility for conscription. Yet they were accusing me of evading military service. Then they found that even in that I had kept within the law.

There was nothing they could find fault with. From their viewpoint it was as if I were an eel. An eel slips away easily

1 Maria Pak's husband had been President Rhee's personal secretary, mayor of Seoul and head of various government ministries. In 1955, he was the Korean representative to the International Olympic Committee. Austrian born Francesca Donner became Mrs. Syngman Rhee in 1934



True Father with members at (the rebuilt) Chang Gyeong Palace on March 31, 1955



Father (standing) conducting a Divine Principle test at the Heung-in Dong church in Seoul, our headquarters in early 1955, on March 30. Seated on the chair is Rev. Eu Hyo-won.

whether you hook it in the mouth or in the tail. The world was in turmoil, and I had stirred up the nation. They had to accuse me of being an evil man and a traitor to the Korean people and grab hold of me, because they believed that only by doing so could their kingdom of the Christian church go on for thousands of years more.

Interrogation

I don't say anything, though I have a mouth to talk with. I endure the many bitter feelings I have toward the nation. I am not a spineless man; I endure them because I know that Jesus endured for more than thirty years of his life. I know that God endured for two thousand years after the time of Jesus and that He endeavored to pave a strong foundation and prepare the ground and the time for the fulfillment of His will, all as a part of the course of restoration. I endure them, saying to myself, "Let the tempest pass, let the bleak winter winds blow, let the winter months come." All such things are bound to pass. The same is also true for the people in society who boast of their happiness—it is bound to pass.

What is my responsibility? When I am chased and cornered and imprisoned, what is it that I must do then? I need to accept blows on behalf of all humanity; I must draw together and annihilate all the suffering in the world. I even regard hardships as a matter of course, thinking, "Can I expect to avoid such hardships when I am pioneering the path of suffering, for the sake of the world?" I have endured all kinds of things, but I say to myself, "My direction is as unchangeable as rock. Until I can realize the longed-for nation, I have to fight and survive, not die, even if I have to experience continual sacrifice."

In serving and following God, I have never once thought about myself. I have always thought I should feel sympathy for Him. I felt like that even when I was dragged to the Seodaemun Police Station and found myself a prisoner behind bars. From the first step I took in following the path of the providence, I comforted God, saying "I am still alive, and for this

I'm grateful." I have traveled along such a path in order to establish the historic standard of indemnity that characterizes the original ideology of the Unification Church of today. This is something no one can invade, no matter how much he tries.

When I was in Seodaemun Prison, I did not wish for Korea to perish. I did not wish for the Christian churches to perish. Instead, in my heart I thought, "Please forgive them their sin of ignorance. Please allow me to shoulder all the sins committed by Korea, this poor nation, that I may indemnify them. How good it would be if the nation could receive blessings just by my being mistreated."

I would say in my heart, "Heavenly Father, please love this beloved people more than I love them. Heavenly Father, please love this world more than I love it. You need not pity me. Even if I am to die, I will not die an insignificant person." Though it was this [apparently] insignificant man who was in charge of leading all the people in the world, I asked God to not see their faults as faults but instead to spur me on and allow me to pay indemnity for and complement all of them, if that were possible. Thus have I fought my way through.

That was what pleased God, and that served as the condition to bring fire to His empty heart, and so I was given the guarantee, "You, Moon, you son of a gun, will never perish wherever you go, even if you are somewhere where you cannot avoid perishing."

Drawing up a statement

Other people are no match for me. In the past, even when I was being interrogated in a police station, when the people filing the complaint began to talk with me, I would eventually swallow them up. I would point out to them, "You are writing the statement, so why aren't you writing this and that? This is where you should write such and such." But what I told them to write would completely contradict what was already in the statement. They would write it down, and then tear up the whole thing. I would be playing with them, saying, "It is only superior people who come here; would inferior people be brought here?"

I still remember the names of people like the Director of State Public Safety, but I don't mention them. There may come a time when I call them all here to meet with me. Back then, they sat with crossed legs, arrogantly admonishing me. Do you think they would do so if they were to come here today?

Entering Seodaemun Prison

I was manacled when I was taken to Seodaemun Prison, but I was not ashamed. In front of heaven and earth I felt no shame.

I had dignity. Even though I was going to be constrained behind bars, I was not even a little sad. I felt ashamed in front of neither God nor man.

I had done nothing wrong. I was pouring my whole life into teaching young people who would otherwise have ended up as criminals or prostitutes. I was teaching them to become innocent people, devoted children, patriots and the young people the nation needs.

Though I was without sin, I was put in chains and sent to prison. I am not ashamed about that. Everyone, including my friends scorned me and pointed their fingers at me, saying, "Look at that, look at that!" However, my response was, "Let's wait; wait ten years and see." During my journey, along this miserable path, I said to those who shot arrows of accusation at me, "You'll see; I will be victorious."

You should be aware that those lessons I learned from these difficult experiences remain within me today.

Bad things go to ruin and good things thrive. No matter how dirty a place I had to enter, there was no way I could be brought to ruin when could the truth of the situation attested to the pure deeds I was carrying out under Heaven.

When I was manacled and on my way to the prison, I was belittled and scolded by people on the street, even the women. But I told them, "You may walk with a dignified air, and I may look like a miserable person, but you cannot see clearly because you have no standard of comparison. When the standard is revealed, everything will be made clear."

Disciples who suffered together

Kim Won-pil, Eu Hyo-won, Eu Hyo-yeong, Eu Hyo-min

Despite all my strenuous labor, I don't have any possessions, even now. Hardships are all that's left for me, privations for one's own sake and privations for the sake of God's will. Everything can be stolen, but nobody can take away the sympathy God had for me in His heart. That's my treasure.

When I look at you, you may be good-looking and bright, but the primary condition is how hard you have worked for God's will. I know clearly what I have gone through, so until I die I won't forget people who shed tears with me along the way, who sympathized with me, and who sincerely did their best to fulfill God's will and to dissolve His sorrow.

Now when I think about those of older church members who suffered with me, who went to prison with me... Actually they did not have any particular achievements, but looking back at those times from the viewpoint of heart, they reached the summit. They were on the front line, so with one word of consolation they brought a millennium of solace. When



Built in 1908 by the Japanese in anticipation of an influx of prisoners once Korea was annexed in 1910, Seodaemun Prison held Father for three months in 1955. *Left: The front entrance; Right: A cell block as it looks today.*

we were in the jaws of death, one helpful word was like an original stream of strength newly bubbling up like a fountain. That's why I think I should first help the people who were with me at that time.

Public Trial

Trial - July 29, 1955; Judgment delivered October 4 in Court Room No. 4, Seoul District Court; Judge: Yoon Hak-Ro
None of you should forget that I went to prison as a result of opposition from the Christian churches and the nation. You should remember the scene of me appearing before the judge, manacled and in prison garb. I will never forget the ridicule and mockery I endured when I emerged from the courtroom on my way to jail. What occurred must be rectified before I die. All of you here are the ones whose destiny it is to do this.

The various faiths and many families and individuals united and attacked me throughout the nation. In Korea there was nowhere I could stand. I stood alone and aloof from the poisonous land, amid endless mockery. Today I still have the conviction that even if I am buffeted by storms, or scorched like a tree in a forest fire, I could never become a dead tree—and that new buds would come out when spring came.

As the persecution from this land of 30 million people became stronger, I suffered very much. Since I knew I was loved and would never be abandoned by God, my face when I was taken to prison wasn't sad.

Any opposition or persecution I encountered on the way did not weaken me. Instead, I became stronger. Opposition and persecution are sources of encouragement for me. My indignation stimulated and motivated me. Nothing can frustrate me. I think of my experiences joyfully. I can reap good fortune from them. From such things we can understand God's heart better. We can better understand that God is always with us.

Derision and reproach from a woman from Pyongyang

In 1955, while in Seodaemun Prison, I was visited by someone who had been my follower a long time before that. She said, "Mr. Moon, are you still doing this?" That was a stunning blow. At one time she called me Teacher and followed me, but later she betrayed and left me, saying, "If you're God's beloved son, why would you go to prison?" This woman went to another church and became an active opponent of our church. She came to me and said, "Mr. Moon, are you still out of your senses?" I only told her, "I wouldn't be doing this if I were the kind of man who needed advice from someone like you."

When I was in Pyongyang in the early days, she was zealous, fervently making all kinds of spiritual conditions. I bumped against her in a corridor as I was walking out of the prosecutor's room wearing handcuffs. She had come after hearing the rumors. She said, "Are you still doing this?"

There were rumors that I was going to court from Seodaemun Prison in handcuffs, so she went there as a spectator. Later she gave a testimony about this in some church. There are people like that. They laughed at the Unification Church, and said, "He should come to ruin; now he is sitting there..."

I am a man with a strong backbone. I always think, "Before I die I'm going to see your children come to me in tears of repentance. When you sleep, I'll be running. I'll work several times harder than you." When I carry that heavier cross, I think instead that I am carrying a shield of victory. Even though I am tired I yell at my legs, "Stand up!" I must go forward, and for that, I am ready to hit, push and pull myself.

So, I told her, "I am not the kind of man who will just fade



In court during their trial on July 29, 1955; despite the quality of the photo, Father is identified as the man at far right.

away in prison. I will leap forward to the world of liberation." I can't forget the impudent look on her face. I recently heard that she died miserably and I pitied her. That's how I live. The are many painful feelings deep in my heart.

Whenever difficulties came my way I thought, "I must resolve this before I die." If I were to talk about such events in my history, so many of them make me feel like choking. But I don't want to leave such a tradition for my children to continue. That's why I take a deep breath, shoulder everything myself, and go forward. So you members of the Unification Church should humbly accept the fact that you are greatly indebted to me.

Life in Seodaemun Prison (July 13–Oct. 4, 1955)

The prison life of an innocent man (Prisoner Number 380) Although I was meant to be moving the providence of salvation in Korea forward with the Unification Church, I instead suffered imprisonment. I remained calm during my prison stay because I knew that difficulties were as inevitable as in the days written of in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament. Therefore, while in prison, I never thought about when I would be released.

I thought I would either have to spend ten years in prison, or die there. I felt determined to the point that even if a road over a mountain were blocked, I would dig a tunnel through it and make an expressway. Even if I collapsed, I would fulfill my responsibilities to God. I did not want God to help me.

Although I was in prison, I stretched out my legs and slept deeply. If you can't swallow me up, then a way will open up for me. If one is going to do such things as I do, sometimes one will be in rags and sometimes one will have to accept others pointing their fingers at you. In pioneering this path I have been through a lot. Each time I thought "God experienced even greater hardships than this. I can deal with this small one!" As more difficulties come while you are in a public position, more treasures than you can carry will be given to you.

Even though I was in prison, I ate well. I could eat all the food they gave me, regardless of whether it was just barley rice or whatever. Food was not a problem. Wherever I was, my only concern was that if I made a mistake, the path of indemnity might become more difficult. That was what I worried about.

Even though I was in prison, I never thought of it as a prison. I thought of it as a temple of love. Love becomes an artistic masterpiece of a high dimension. *JW*

mind or heart that is clean and pure, without dirt, like the morning dew. In other words, a heart that casts no shadow because it belongs to someone aligned vertically. During his Day of Victory of Love speech on January 2, Father gave the following three points on the subject of living a life vertically connected with noon. First, it is a life where we do not stain our lineage. This is our individual responsibility. Second, it is a life where we do not violate other people's hearts. This is also our responsibility as individuals. Third, it is a life where we do not misappropriate public money. Of course, this is also a responsibility we have as individuals, but it is something we need to observe closely on the organizational level.

True Father spoke about the qualities of a true heart. He said that not just as individuals but also on the level of organizations connected to the church, we must live a clean and transparent life.

In their lifetimes, through true love, True Parents have brought overall victory in accomplishing the mission that Jesus could not complete. Father explained that the secret to becoming one with True Parents' victory is to transparently live life with a pure heart. Through this year's motto, "Mansei for oneness with True Parents' pure heart and with all their victories under the authority of the Cosmic Sabbath centered on true love," True Parents have given us an amazing blessing.

At a Tuesday, January 5, meeting of Headquarters Church leaders

As leaders, our responsibility in front of Father is to make things that are impossible possible. Please think about this: A hundred and fifty years ago, had most people even imagined people would one day fly in an airplane? It was an impossible idea, yet it came into the realm of what was possible. For a business to be successful, it must make the impossible possible. If we truly believe that True Parents are the Messiah, when Father gives us a goal, if we think it is impossible we are already done with. We have shot ourselves in the foot. We cannot be leaders if we do this.

Father gives us such huge goals because he believes in us. That he has such trust is a great honor for us...

We must think about Father's instructions seriously. We must not think that what Father directs us to do is impossible. We must throw away the word "impossible." Honestly speaking, even Father's birth on earth was "impossible." Our receiving the blessing was "impossible." But True Father has made what was impossible possible....

The church leaders have really been working hard. Around the country, increasingly, the church leaders are the first to go out on the streets to witness; they are working hard. Let's work to help our church leaders be victorious!

Church leaders must work hard, with their necks on the line, shedding their blood and sweat. If the members of their congregations work in unity with them, the task is not impossible. If we make that condition, we can enter Cheon Bok Gung with great confidence. This is because all these one thousand couples will become Unification Church members.⁵ This past week, we were moved to see nineteen new members attend the "new life" service,⁶ and there are some fifty-seven more new members preparing to participate next month...⁷ Whenever I took examinations, if I didn't feel any pressure, I could not do well. If I felt pressure to do well, I did well on the exam. Only when there is pressure will rice cook well. Pressure is a good thing. If the pressure is right, the result is hot, tasty rice. It goes through a change we had never imagined.

We have been dedicated and have invested a lot of effort and that was not in vain. Our dedication and combined efforts allowed us to challenge tasks that appeared impossible. Several times, we have actually made possible what seemed impossible. The Bible tells us that if you ask for something it will be given to you. If you prepare and work for the Messiah with the mind-set that you don't mind whether you live or die, you will absolutely be able to make the goal.

On February 6, from his last English service in the Headquarters Church

This is our last service here in the Cheongpa-dong church, a historic church where True Father directly ministered.... Today we depart from this holy location where so much blood, sweat and tears have been invested, so much devotion has been offered, and we trek across the cold city of Seoul in 2010, as we make our way toward the Temple of God....

True Parents are now fighting for God. They are under attack in many ways, and we in the Unification Church are standing up for them. We are saying, "True Parents, we stand with you and we won't desert you. We will go into the city to preach about you. We will face uncertainty and face the unknown. We may even be persecuted, but we will stand with our faith." We are moving to the temple, to attend God and True Parents, to teach the world that the Messiah, the Maitreya, the Mahdi, the Righteous One has come! And we'll be standing with our faith and pride to uphold the value of True Parents. We will bring the many, many people who have been prepared by God and the spirit world, who are waiting to meet their True Parents!...

Be encouraged, because the Lord comes in might, not in weakness. And he says, the Lord our God will feed his flock. From God and from the temple, from the holy land of Zion will come the spiritual abundance and blessing that will spread not only to all the members across the world but to all Korea and all other nations of the world, and all the spirit world and will be returned and glorified back to God! If you believe it, give it up for God! [Applause] Oh my goodness! We are going today, brothers and sisters! We're moving to the temple, brothers and sisters; we're moving to the next level—such a visible level—as the Unification Church. We're pressing forward with hope. We're having hope in the kingdom of God, a world of unity, of oneness centered on our Lord and Savior, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth.

We face uncertainty, surely; attack from closed-minded individuals, surely; danger, surely; but we, as the Unification Church are moving forward. We are believing—believing in our God! We are believing in our True Parents! We are believing in each other. Everybody, come on, let's stand on up! I need you to stand up! And I need you to hold your brother or sister's hand next to you. Hold their hands! Tell them today, "I am honored to be on this ship with you!" [I am honored to be on this ship with you!] Because brothers and sisters, we are now facing our own new destiny, and we're moving forward to the temple of God. **STW**

5 The Headquarters Church had the goal to bring one thousand couples to the 1.4 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony on February 17

6 A ceremony during the church service in which new members publicly express their dedication

7 That is, February

Visiting the Growth-Stage Cheon Bok Gung

Immediately after his final service on Sunday, February 7, Hyung-jin nim walked with the congregation from the Headquarters Church to the growth-stage temple. Led by various assistant pastors, the congregants at each of the earlier Sunday services, and those at the English service the day before, had made a similar "exodus." This is Hyung-jin nim's prayer on their arrival:

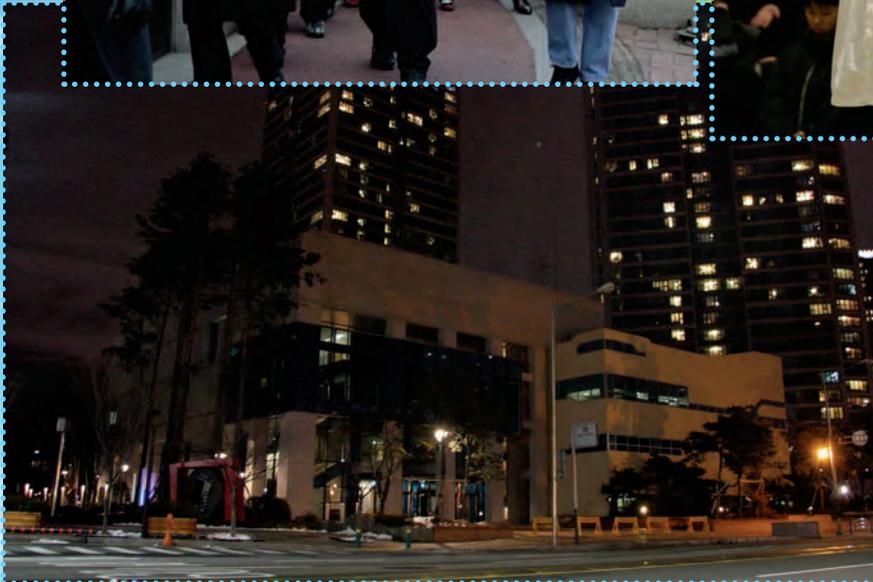
Loving Heavenly Father and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! Father, behold us! Heavenly Father, we have arrived at the new Jerusalem; we are inside Your holy temple! Heavenly Father, for decades there has been oppression and persecution; such has been our history, but the devotion and all the efforts that have been made will surely not be in vain.

Heavenly Father, as Unification Church members, we need to shout out the name True Parents while they are still on earth. We will bring victory here and in the temple for twenty-one thousand. We will see Cheon Il Guk blossom throughout the world.

Heavenly Father, I offer You my deepest gratitude. I am truly grateful to You for calling us at this historic moment. Father, we will discard all thoughts of being unable to do what we need to do, and instead think that we can do it. Whenever we look at the temple, we will think that the our members can do it and that the Unification Church can do it; that is, we will uplift the name True Parents and make history.

Heavenly Father, I am truly grateful. Please bless all the brothers and sisters with Your grace. I firmly believe that Your love, Your devotion and Your faith will spread out to all the world from this Cheon Bok Gung, a place of sincere devotion. I am so thankful from the bottom of my heart. I offer all glory and victory to True Parents. I hope and pray that You will bless us and allow us to be able to become the Unification Church that returns infinite glory to True Parents while we attend them in person here on February 21.

Thank You, Father. I pray and give this blessing in the name of all central blessed families and in the great name True Parents. Aju! Thank You. **97W**



Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim, Kook-jin nim, Choi Yeon-ah nim and Hoon-sook nim were in the crowd that made the hour-long walk, February 7, to what will become our new World Headquarters Church. Recent weeks have seen much dedicated effort to prepare the building for its February 21 Opening Ceremony. There, Hyung-jin nim offered a prayer and led everyone in twenty-one bows, each preceded by manifesting the Principle (using one's hands to recreate the shape of the church symbol while recalling that it represents give-and-receive action, the four-position foundation and inheriting God's true love). After three cheers of mansei, the congregation took time to pray and look around the building.



Courage and Conviction

By Dr. Seuk Joon-ho

In addition to visiting other countries as international vice-president of the church, Dr. Seuk has numerous duties as president of the Korean church, not least of which is attending True Parents at hoondokhae most mornings. We include here an excerpt from his new year message, originally for Korean members.

To save humanity, True Father has restored history's course from time immemorial through the course of indemnity, and has trodden the path through death seven times in the ninety years he has lived. True Parents have resolved to tread that path even if it means walking on the brink between life and death more than just seven times.

True Father even said, "If by entering the Siberian gulag, I can save the people of the Soviet Union, groaning under the communist regime, I will willingly and gladly go there." You may not be aware of this, but the Siberian gulag was even more perilous than Hungnam Prison, the deeply hellish place where Father suffered for two years and eight months.

Even so, True Parents were willing to enter pits of fire and face death seven times, even eight times or more. If by so doing they could expedite the restoration and salvation of the communist nations even a little for the sake of the liberation and complete freedom of God, the salvation of all humanity and the establishment of the eternal world of peace, they were willing.

If we are indeed the true children of such parents, we should be ready to dedicate ourselves fully, even if it means putting our lives on the line at least once in the three years remaining before January 13, 2013. It has been said, "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it."

From that standpoint, I believe that this year we need to assume the attitude I will now outline in order to fulfill our mission and responsibility of successfully witnessing¹ to and blessing others at the standard True Parents desire.

First, we need to adopt an attitude of oneness with True Parents' pure heart. Through last year's October 14 Blessing Ceremony, True Parents provided the ground for Cain and Abel to come together in harmony and permitted the grace of the blessing in its original and complete state without even a

¹ Dr. Seuk explained that the witnessing method is for each family distributing four hundred and thirty copies of Father's autobiography.

trace of the Fall. And on the fiftieth anniversary of True Children's Day, they bestowed on us the solemn words, "Make a new beginning."

Though we have celebrated True Children's Day fifty times, we have yet to become true children. That is why the words "new beginning" as said to us by True Parents deeply express both their regret and, yet again, their heartfelt faith in us. In other words, they are instructing us to lead a life reflecting the settlement of noon, a shadow-free, vertically-aligned life, by uniting mind and body in crystalline purity and transparency—oneness with True Parents' pure heart—and by fulfilling our duties as true sons and daughters through this new beginning.

The motto also includes "oneness with all True Parents' victories." That is, we are to inherit the authority of True Parents' victory from the individual to the tribe, ethnic group, nation, world, and cosmos, become True Parents' representatives and heirs, and fulfill our 5 percent portion of responsibility so that in the end we can shout *mansei* for all our victories.

Second, we need to possess the spirit of true love as exemplified in the seven deaths and resurrections, to march forward even if it means risking our lives for the completion of the providence. True Father received the mission to save humanity from Heaven when he was only a fifteen-year old boy, full of dreams. From that point he abandoned all his personal hopes and dedicated his life solely to the liberation of God and

the salvation of humanity. His course is soaked in a waterfall of tears from lamentation and grief and is full of innumerable life-and-death choices he could not avoid, which were more painful than slicing pieces off his bones. From cruel and merciless torture by the Gyeonggi Province Police, to imprisonment in Danbury, and even to the 2008 helicopter crash, in which their airborne craft weighing many tons plummeted to the ground and was totally destroyed by fire, True Parents have been on the brink between life and death seven times.

Even so, they were able to overcome all challenges in their



Dr. Seuk witnessing in Namsan Park, central Seoul



Dr. Seuk visited Hong Kong and Thailand in January and spoke to the members. Here, he is in Hong Kong with Asian leaders and Hong Kong members.

course through true love—through True Parents’ endless true love for people, which nothing in the world can obstruct. Therefore, let us all march forward, with a mind-set that we are willing to risk our lives at least once in the last three years of the course that is headed toward the completion of Cheon Il Guk. Let us also completely inherit the spirit of true love established by True Parents and fulfill our responsibility and mission as true children.

Third, Cain and Abel must unite. Every one of us is in Cain-Abel relationships. Sometimes we are in the position of Cain, at other times in the position of Abel. As we continue our work of establishing Cheon Il Guk, we should not linger on the level of only emphasizing the position of Cain or Abel, but try to move closer to True Parents’ hearts by becoming one in unity and harmony and by our willingness to make sacrifices and volunteer our effort for the providence.

Even if we have a clear goal and strategy, we cannot emerge triumphant if Cain and Abel are not completely united. The church leaders must unite, members must all be united, and church leaders and members must be one with each other, in attendance of God and True Parents. As the name Unificationism implies, we need to first be united within our own faith. Through harmony, we can create unity. And we need to become one with the True Family including, ultimately, with True Parents.

Fourth, we need to wholeheartedly invest our passion and true love into setting conditions that move the spirit world. At the airport, just before he and Mother departed for the U.S. on January 8, True Father said, “Now we need to fully mobilize the spirit world.”

On October 8, True Parents proclaimed the Association of the Spiritual and Earthly Worlds under God.² The Chinese character *hyeop* (協) in the word *hyeop-hae* (association) means “harmony.” The combination of the character *shib* (十) meaning “ten” and three of the character *ryeok* (力) meaning “strength” make the character *hyeop*. The meaning of this term is that Cain and Abel need to be united under God and True Parents with hearts of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and they need to make their utmost effort to realize God’s will.

Therefore, we should not only work with a sense of duty, but dedicate ourselves fully, with true gratitude and enthusi-

² This is a tentative translation; in Korean, it’s 하나님 영연세 협회

asm, overflowing with joy, so that we can feel our worth. Only when we do can the spirit world help us by cooperating in amazing ways.

A miracle at the Great Hall of the People

In relation to this, I would like to share with you a little experience I had. On May 29, 1999, True Mother was scheduled to give a speech in the Great Hall of the People in China. Though China seems unrestricted because it is a great global economic power, its political regime is still in actuality a communist one, led by the Communist Party. So obviously, twelve years ago, China was incomparably more restrictive than it is now. Under such circumstances, it was not easy at all for True Mother to give a speech in the Great Hall of the People, and so it was a very significant matter, both for China and for the rest of the world.

True Mother arrived in Beijing from Mongolia on the day before the meeting. That very night, however, at about nine o’clock, an unexpected problem suddenly arose. The Chinese government sent us a message that said simply, without inviting any discussion, “The speech scheduled to be given tomorrow in the Great Hall of the People is cancelled.”

I was in charge of the event. I was on the verge of having a heart attack. My face became so pale that I looked ready to faint at any moment. The speech was to be given at 10:30 the next morning, and they had informed us of the cancellation at nine o’clock the night before. The staff concluded, “There is nothing we can do. It’s impossible.” Amongst ourselves, our tentative opinion was that we should hold the meeting as a small affair in the hotel by ourselves.

If you had been in that situation, what would you have done? Would you have given up just because the government had sent that message, when True Parents,³ the Savior of humanity, the Messiah, the King of Kings, had come all the way to China?

Although I felt almost as if my heart would stop, I thought I could never give up; I needed to make it happen even at the risk of death. So I looked for a solution.

At 10 PM, I set out for the home of the person in charge of the Great Hall of the People. I arrived at his house at 11 PM, and he came out in his pajamas, rubbing his eyes. With all my might I attempted to persuade him. Holding on to the spiritual world, I reasoned with him over and over again.

At three o’clock in the morning, he finally consented and allowed us to hold the meeting, even though he could be reprimanded for doing so. It was truly a situation in which we experienced both extremes of hell and heaven. On the morning of May 29, True Mother’s speech at the Great Hall of the People, with the hall filled to capacity, was a tremendous success.

A miracle en route to Azerbaijan

I will give another example, which happened in 2006. After holding a Universal Peace Federation rally in Tajikistan, we were on our way to Azerbaijan where the next rally was to take place. Azerbaijan is under pressure from within and without from political and religious forces.

It is a five-hour flight from Tajikistan to Azerbaijan. Three

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³ Many Korean members refer to either Father or Mother, or both of them together, as “참부모님” [True Parents].



Let's Make Every Day a Day of Victory of Love

Hoon-sook nim spoke at the Day of Victory of Love celebration (January 2, 2010), the anniversary of Heung-jin nim's ascension, at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

Our victorious King of Kings, True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Mankind! Members from around the world!

Yesterday, we said farewell to 2009, a busy year with its share of difficulties, and we began Year 10 of Cheon Il Guk, together with our True Parents at the forty-third celebration of True God's Day.

Today we have gathered to commemorate the twenty-seventh Day of Victory of Love. I feel very honored to have the opportunity to speak in front of True Parents and all the members gathered here on this very meaningful day.

It is now twenty-seven years since Heung-jin nim passed into the spirit world and took on his mission as heavenly commander. Heung-jin nim is working hard day and night from the spiritual world to support the completion of True Parents' work on earth, so that True Parents may be glorified.

Twenty-seven years ago, Heung-jin nim was a young man of seventeen years. I didn't know Heung-jin nim that well when he was alive, but everyone felt he had a quiet, compassionate and thoughtful character. Also, he loved and cared for the members very much and always tried to live for the sake of others. He lived a life of devotion, often doing cold shower conditions; once, when he had run into a sharp corner, ripping his pants and injuring his leg, he said in a small voice, "Thank you, Heavenly Father." Heung-jin nim considered any injury he suffered an opportunity to set an indemnity condition before Heaven.

More than anything else, Heung-jin nim loved True Parents. Even when he was very young, his biggest concern was for True Parents' health and safety. Many times he would help the security staff protecting True Parents, and he was always quietly asking other members of the second generation if they were prepared to give their lives for True Parents. Being a devoted son, Heung-jin nim went to the spirit world as an indemnity offering for the sake of the heavenly providence centered on True Parents, thus substantiating his words that one should be prepared to give his life for True Parents.

Brothers and sisters, if you were sending your beloved child, whom you loved more than life

itself, to the spiritual world before his or her time, would you be able to contain your personal grief and hold back your tears for the sake of God?

When True Parents sent their precious son to the spiritual world as an offering, they first thought of Heavenly Father. Every time Satan attacked the most precious true lineage by striking the True Family, True Parents overcame their pain and sorrow, greater than death itself, and did not shed tears of personal grief.

Satan directly attacked the True Family, but True Parents offered Heung-jin nim to Heaven as a loyal and devoted son and by making the condition of uniting completely with God, *shininaeilche isang*,¹ True Parents brought victory by overcoming Satan's realm of death through true love.

From this internal point of view, we can see that like the unbending faith and love Isaac had toward his father Abraham, Heung-jin nim had absolute faith and love for True Parents, and that True Parents' absolute faith and love for Heavenly Father was greater than their grief in losing their son.

True Parents sublimated, through true love, Satan's realm of death, where everything is destined to collapse, and upon that foundation, sent Heung-jin nim to the spiritual world as its Heavenly Commander; and by doing so gained the spirit world's angelic army, united the physical and spiritual worlds, and established the triumph of the Day of Victory of Love.

In 2009, with the publication of True Father's autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, the truth about True Father's life has been revealed to everyone in the world. When I read *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, I was deeply moved and felt tearful repentance to the bottom of my soul. Indeed, is there anyone else on earth who has offered his entire life for the sake of God, mankind and world peace in the same way as our True Father? There has never been anyone like him in the past, nor

1 Family Pledge 8: "the ideal of God and human beings united in love"

will there be in the future. There is only one King of Kings and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Mankind.

The Day of Victory of Love is the day when we honor and celebrate the victory of true love. As I read True Father's autobiography, I realized that it is not only January 2 that is the Day of Victory of Love, but that every single day of True Father's ninety years of life has been a day of victory of love.

In order to accomplish God's will, Father embraced the fallen world, and struggled with his physical being, his blood, sweat and tears, and Mother, at his side, supported him, without anyone knowing or understanding her offering of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Our True Parents are truly the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Mankind that God has sent, the King of Kings, the Messiah that mankind has been waiting for, and this has been revealed through True Father's autobiography.

Fulfilling our filial duty as children, we, too, should become victorious through true love by living and making each and every day, 365 days a year, a day of victory of love. In Year 9 of Cheon Il Guk, we celebrated the most glorious, awesome and historic day in which all of heaven and earth, all of mankind and the entire creation should rejoice. That day was the day the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Mankind were enthroned as King of Kings.

On the coronation day, the purpose of creation was finally fulfilled and Heavenly Father, who had been among us only in insubstantial, spiritual form, finally stood before us in substantial form. God has taken visible form. The invisible God and visible True Parents have become one, completely united in one body. Now God has become visible and we can directly attend God as our True Parent. As we hear God's breath and feel the warmth of His body, we can also experience the deep joy of God's heart.

We must realize, understand, and inscribe in our hearts that



Hoon-sook nim and Choi Yeon-ah nim, both of whose husbands are in the spirit world, lighting candles; for the second year, following Hyo-jin nim's ascension, they jointly performed the ceremonies for the ascended True Children.



True Mother and Hyung-jin nim arriving at the Day of Victory of Love celebration on January 2

living in the same era and directly witnessing and being part of this historic moment is not only a great blessing but a tremendous and fearful responsibility as well.

The year 2010 has now dawned. This is the year when the glory of the King of Kings, of True Parents, can spread to the world, to heaven, to the ends of the earth. The establishment of Cheon Il Guk brings heavenly fortune, and the King of Kings, True Parents, can expand the will of heaven to bring new life and salvation to all the people of the world.

A little while ago, I led the Universal Ballet on a tour to Athens, Greece. Athens is one of the places where St. Paul witnessed and preached in the early days of the Christian church. However, even St. Paul, who became the cornerstone of the early Christian church, was not successful in witnessing in Athens and had to move to Corinth and continue his work there.

However, a few centuries later, Emperor Constantine declared Christianity the state religion and converted the Parthenon, the central temple on the Acropolis in Athens, where the Greeks worshipped their gods and goddesses, into a Christian church.

Could St. Paul or anyone else in his time have imagined that Rome, a city where Christians were suppressed, persecuted and even killed would

someday become the worldwide center of Christianity?

When I heard these stories, I felt confident that the day is not far off when the Unification Church, which has been so strongly persecuted, will go beyond the national level and become a world religion that can truly bring the unity of religions before God and when all mankind will attend the King of Kings, our True Parents.

The time has come when the world cannot help but change. True Parents completed the last remaining indemnity with the helicopter accident in 2008, and they were crowned King of Kings in 2009. 2010 is the year True Parents will substantially rule heaven and earth. We are in the age when all people can receive salvation by receiving and following the King of Kings, our True Parents.

The only thing that stands in the way is that we have not recognized our own shortcomings and weaknesses, which means that we are still a burden and a source of worry for True Parents.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to True Parents, who forgive us and forgive us again, even though we do not deserve it, and who love us and love us again and again, even though we have no qualification to receive their love.

Although unworthy, I want to support Heung-jin nim, the Heavenly Commander, and I am committed to offering my most sincere effort to return ever-greater glory to True Parents during this new year.

Today, on the twenty-seventh Day of Victory of Love, we offer our respects to True Parents, who have now become the King of Kings, and at this historic time, with a heart of self-sacrifice, we must become one with Heaven's providence, and with the faith that Hyo-jin nim, Hye-jin nim, Heung-jin nim, Young-jin nim, Dae-mo nim as well as the four great saints and all the angelic forces are with us, let us pledge our loyalty to and work together with the True Children who are here on earth to establish Cheon Il Guk.

True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Mankind! I humbly offer this message with my fervent hope that as the King of Kings you may be glorified and blessed with long life.

Thank you. *STW*



During the celebration, True Father asked Hoon-sook nim's father, Dr. Pak Bo-hi, to talk about a planned tour by the Little Angels to the sixteen nations whose troops fought in the Korean War. Later, Dr. Pak sang while Dr. Pak's younger brother's wife, WFWP President Moon Lan-young, danced.



Exploring Home Groups

Suguri Katsuhisa began a home group for Japanese brothers in Korea to help them gain financial stability. After he became an assistant pastor at the Headquarters Church, serving Japanese members, he reoriented the group's purpose toward witnessing. Mr. Suguri also writes for the Japanese Unificationist magazine published in Korea. Following the interview below, in which he speaks as a church pastor under Hyung-jin nim, is an extract from one of his recent columns in which he shares his belief that small groups (home groups) are a profound vehicle for spiritual growth and a viable way to church health.

Today's World: What is your feeling about moving into Cheon Bok Gung?

Suguri Katsuhisa: When we move in there, it will be so different from the Headquarters Church. It gives us a confident feeling about our church. The new one is big and well designed. We will have to witness seriously. It gives me a sense of hope. It will be very good because we will have the confidence to bring guests and teach them.

In the current church, there is very little space, very few rooms here for lectures or home group meetings. In the growth-stage Cheon Bok Gung there is much more space. There are many small rooms, so we have much hope for our activities there.

How have you been doing activities?

There aren't many people I can witness to among the people I know, so whenever I have time, I go out to witness on the street. I witness in front of the Headquarters Church, or the Korean Church Headquarters Building, or the Dowon Building.¹ I find that when I make some condition before I go out, I meet someone. Our international president² also has been out street witnessing on a good number of occasions. He says that when he prays, he meets people. That's true for me, too. I go out witnessing quite a bit; I find that on the days when I pray to prepare before I go out, I meet a good person. If I don't prepare, I don't meet receptive people.

Can you say how you like to approach people?

I show people a copy of the autobiography and tell them I will give it to them if they agree to read it and later write and tell me their opinion of it. Hyung-jin nim also visits senior Buddhist monks and other prominent members of society, but I am focusing just on the ordinary people I meet!

Are people reading it?

Some accept a copy of the book. It's difficult to meet people on the street again. That's why I take their name and telephone number. I call them later and ask them what they thought of it. I often hear, "I haven't read it yet!" Interestingly, though, on the days when I pray before going out, the people I give the book to are the ones who actually read it in the end. Some have told me they were very moved by what they'd read.

What gets you out there?

The Messiah is on earth. And we need to restore a nation for God. We should witness. Our

¹ These latter two locations have a (21 Heavenly Fortune) witnessing center.

² It is normal in the Korean language to refer to a person only by his or her position, even within families. Last year, after some discussion among members, a Korean memo was circulated stating that "international president" should be used rather than Hyung-jin nim's name or any of his other titles.

international president has taken the initiative in this; he went out witnessing first. I thought, "There's our president out there working hard; I really must go out too." I felt pain in my heart. It is we who should be doing this, but because we had been unable to get it going, our international president has been going out himself to set an example. I felt I could not just sit quietly. I decided to go out too. Many members think like this. There are many hard working senior sisters, in particular, woman leaders, who go out with our international president, witnessing on the street. They express their determination to do their best.



These members are not being shy about their faith

You gain some inspiration from Hyung-jin nim directly....

During the morning Heavenly Fortune Ceremony,³ the international president gives us a special individual greeting in the final part of the service, to each person or couple personally. At that moment, spiritually, the power to witness comes to me. I receive that spiritual power.

During these cold days, during the Heavenly Fortune Service, the international president prays, "Please guide the brother and sisters who are going out witnessing." Because he gives out a certain spiritual protection or spiritual leadership, I believe that if we align ourselves with that, and then pray and go out, we can meet very good people.

Would you say that enthusiasm for witnessing is increasing?

It is increasing. The fact that our international president makes conditions is the most significant impetus for witnessing, I

³ The 5:00 AM service Hyung-jin nim has been conducting daily has come to be known as this.

would say. He makes these for the sake of church development and the realization of Cheon Il Guk. Not all the members from the Headquarters Church have renewed their desire to witness, but a number of them have.

What do you think you can contribute to the development of the growth-stage Cheon Bok Gung?

I am thinking about home groups. There will be a larger number of members there. With regard to the organization of activities, for members to do activities well, and then become proactive, become "owners," we should create small "faith groups" in order to strengthen our community. This is my feeling.

There are only ten or so pastors at the church. Many thousands will come for the services, more than a thousand at a time. The pastors won't be able to meet everyone. In order to build a good community...

I am the assistant pastor supporting the Japanese members. I am thinking of gathering the Japanese brothers—I think there will be fifty or so connected with the new church. We can create "faith groups," and witness or do voluntary activities together for the church.

Through my home group, I will also invite people I know, or people I have met, to come. We will pray for them and try to care for them.

Does Hyung-jin nim emphasize one particular method over another?

He doesn't emphasize one kind of witnessing in particular; he doesn't even give orders; he first goes out and does things and becomes an example that we can observe. **SW**

The following is an excerpt from Rev. Suguri's article, "Cultural and Organizational Reform through Home Groups":

Home groups can naturally form among people with the same interests. The group can appoint a leader and do activities centered on this leader until they become closer to one another. Then, they can invite someone to whom they wish to witness to join their group. If there are five people in the home group, each person might come up with one individual he wants to witness to. That would make five potential guests. Choose one out of these five, in whatever way the group may decide. Then decide on a period, such as twenty-one days or forty days, to pray as a group for this person.

By setting such a prayer condition, the group prepares to witness to this person. As a home group leader, I feel that the leader must guide the group toward unity. For that to happen, the leader should set a spiritual foundation by also praying for the members of the group. The group can become a strong community by each member praying for the others according to their prayer requests. When strong relationships develop within the group, the members are ready to make it a priority to pray for a new person.

Loving "Cain"

There was an Abel figure that deeply influenced me when I was working in the Japanese church. He had already converted most of his own family, including his parents. He said, "You have to love the Cain realm before you love the Abel realm." This is what Father has taught us, of course, and it is because Satan cannot be subjugated without a condition. In order to subjugate Satan, you have to let go of your object of love first. That is why True Parents have always loved us, in the Cain realm, before they loved their own children, who are in the Abel realm.

Similarly, in order for us to witness to our own families, we have to love the Cain realm first.

Who are the real Cains for us? The answer that came from that Abel figure was quite unexpected. He said that the real Cains are our fellow church members. This is because church members will never become our own spiritual children, no matter how much we love and pray for them. In that sense, there is absolutely no "reward" for loving a fellow family member.

A light lit up in my head when I heard that. I had heard many testimonies of brothers and sisters who were able to witness to their families and people in society after they had practiced loving their brothers and sisters.

Similarly, when you are witnessing in a home group, it is even better to pray for and love your group member's guest than your own, because you will be loving the spiritual child of your real Cain. This is the best way to subjugate Satan. I understood the amazing potential of home groups from this point of view.

Hyung-jin nim was the one that directly taught us the process of focusing on one guest in the group and bringing him to join through setting a condition of group prayer. This kind of thinking impressed me.

We are presently praying for a guest that we decided on. Since he is just beginning to form a relationship with us, we haven't seen actual results yet. But it is a very natural way to witness to someone, and I can see that we will eventually form a community. If we can create a wonderful community like this by establishing a strong horizontal bond within the group, the guests will automatically want to be a part of the community. This is the purpose of a home group. Not only because "the Principle is the truth," but if we pray for each other and do hoondokhae and deepen our heart-to-heart relationships, guests will naturally feel something impressive about the group and want to stay.

The synergy of teamwork

The leaders that come out of such a group will be leaders that have nothing to do with bureaucracy. There will be no distance between these leaders and their members and they will bring results by teamwork. I always knew that teamwork was important conceptually, but it was only when I began



Hyung-jin nim shares his heart and his faith in many situations

home group activities that I could understand what teamwork means.

Teamwork is bringing out each person's strengths and compensating for each other's weaknesses. Discussion also brings about a better solution. Idea A and idea B may clash at first but through discussion, a better solution, C, can come about. This is a result of synergy in action.

Home groups can be a place to mature a culture that produces synergy through teamwork. When home groups multiply in number and the number of leaders that guide these groups increases, the culture and organization of the church will spontaneously change. We would no longer have to worry about leaders who cannot adapt to a new culture. If home groups grow and their members start witnessing, we will be able to start identifying the naturally outstanding leaders from among the members.

It will then bring change to the leadership style. If those in higher positions can actually see what is happening with their own eyes, they will be able to understand and change. **97W**



Mr. Suguri (blue suit) discussing Cheon Bok Gung at a leaders' meeting in Japan during Hyung-jin nim's June 2009 visit

Preparing to Enter the Temple



In his January 9 sermon, after reminding everyone that the growth-stage Cheon Bok Gung belongs to members the world over, Hyung-jin nim announced that a series of presentations would be given during church services over the ensuing weeks to help members prepare their hearts to enter the new church building. The following is a summary of those presentations.

International President Moon Hyung-jin's Activities in 2009

3:00 AM jeongseong	365
Sermons (six per week; five in Korean)	198
5:00 AM Heavenly Fortune Ceremony (from September)	95
Home visits, including for Seunghwa Ceremonies	21
Blessed member counseling sessions	38
Meetings with dignitaries	20
Meetings led by the international president	169
Speeches at events	84
Press interviews, including by the BBC, Le Figaro, AP	17
Overseas visits to Japan, Taiwan, United States	10

Assistant Pastors' Activities in 2009

Home visits	1,134
Counseling sessions	3,831
Divine Principle lectures	865
New members joined	94
Home group activities	256
Blessed couples	35
Seunghwa Ceremonies	23
Memoirs distributed	2,609

All charts adapted from the original presentations

On January 16, Lee Dong-han, vice president of the church in Korea, who is also in charge of the ministry teams at the Headquarters Church gave a statistical view of 2009 and the goals for 2010 of the congregation that is migrating from the Headquarters Church to the growth-stage Cheon Bok Gung¹ in February. Rev. Lee first outlined Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim's many activities in 2009. He explained that in addition to what appeared in a chart he presented (see above), Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim frequently attended True Parents at the Cheong Jeong Peace Palace. Hyung-jin nim did his 21,000-bow condition, and their 5:00 AM service was an outgrowth of the revelation Hyung-jin nim received about True Father's seven deaths and resurrections. During their visit to the United States, at True Father's request, they traveled across the country to speak in four cities in five days before the long flight back to Korea.

Rev. Lee also spoke of the activities of the thirteen assistant pastors. One is in charge of junior and senior high school students; one guides college students and other young people; one leads the English-speaking congregation; another, a volunteer pastor, supports the Japanese congregation; one is in charge of the Christian service² and another takes care of special witnessing and general ministry for members. The remaining seven are in charge of Headquarters Church members living in the seven regions of Seoul and in the regions outside the capital city.

Our short-term goal is 21,000 members in three years, before focusing on ten times that number for the completion-stage Cheon Bok Gung. Out of 9,732 registered members, 2,243 attended services in 2009. The goal is to reach five thousand by the end of 2010, ten thousand the following year and twenty-one thousand by the end of 2012.

On January 23, Mrs. Erikawa Yasue offered her aggressive projection for membership growth that called for the current 2,243 people attending services to double every six months. This would yield 70,400 members by mid-2012. Tripling that in the final six months would bring attendance to the goal Father has given for the completion-stage temple. As she explained it, the goal is possible with a thousand committed church members, those who attend services, tithe and witness and who would take the initiative out of a sense of personal responsibility.

Mrs. Erikawa spoke in her capacity as president of the Women's Evangelical Association and explained how productive the association has been in the five months since its July 15 beginnings. She said the goal of their first stage was "to resurrect and

1 The Planning Department says that the sign will read 통일교 세계 본부교회 (tentatively: Unificationism World Headquarters Church)

2 A Bible-based service held on Saturdays oriented to helping Christians understand Father and his teachings

reawaken our existing members.” This reawaking began with members setting conditions to parallel Hyung-jin nim’s milestone bowing condition.³

Geographically, the Women’s Evangelical Association is active throughout the Seoul metropolitan area, which they have divided into nine regions with a director for each. These directors and other members attended training sessions on the association’s goals and on methods and strategies for witnessing. Mrs. Erikawa also toured the regions and spoke in each.

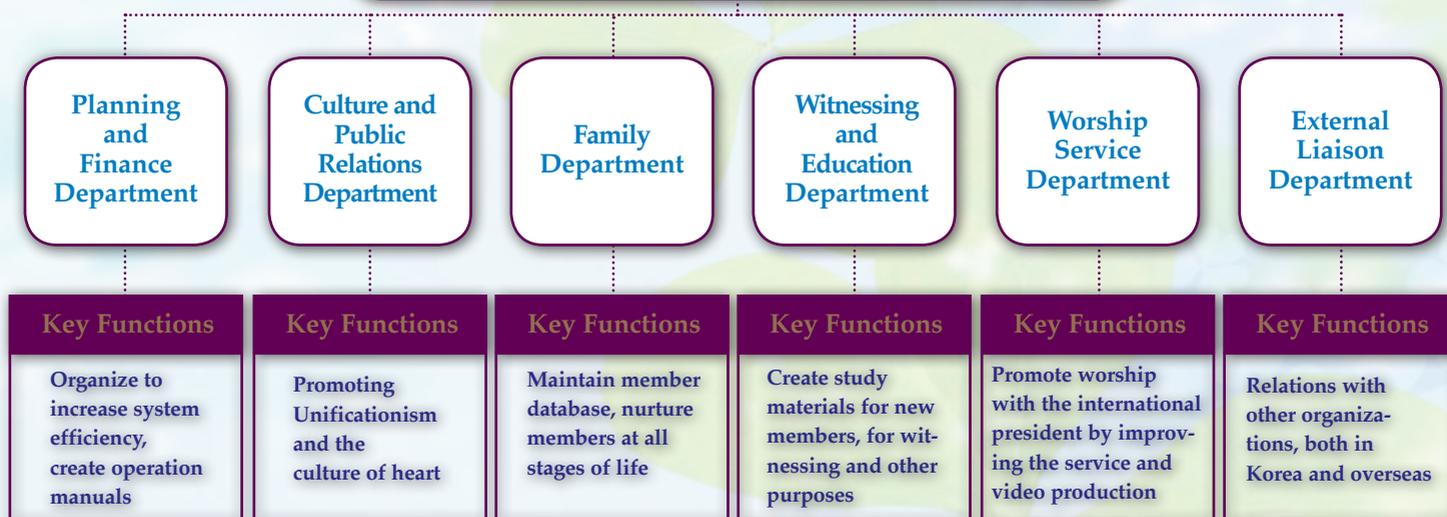
In September, a 21 Heavenly Fortune Center⁴ opened in the Korean Church Headquarters Building. In the same building, the association held a witnessing seminar the following month. The members then hit the streets and began a series of witnessing outings in prominent neighborhoods in Seoul. During their first half year of existence, they distributed forty-one thousand copies of True Father’s autobiography, and fifty-nine of their members gave out the assigned number of four hundred and thirty copies of it. Sixty-three new members joined the church.

Mrs. Erikawa emphasized the importance of heavenly fortune and attracting it by following God’s will and putting what Father says into action.



Hyung-jin nim witnessing in a uniform the Women's Evangelical Association gave him for his birthday on September 26 last year

Headquarters Church Administrative Offices



On January 30, Mr. Lee Sang-yeol, head of the Administrative Support Department, stated near the beginning of his talk that our vision is to inherit God’s true love and our mission is to reach the membership goals for the growth-stage and completion-stage temples. He explained that Buddhists, Protestants and Catholics combined make up 60 percent of the Korean population; other religions make up 1.5 percent. The 56,755 members of our church nationwide make up 0.12 percent of the nation’s population and 7.8 percent of the “other religions” group.

Mr. Lee, who has an extensive business background, spoke of the rapid pace at which the Headquarters Church congregation—along with donations—grew last year, taking into account that it absorbed thirteen smaller churches in mid-summer.

He then introduced the six departments involved in the administration of the church, which until last summer operated with just a church office. It can be said that half the departments are involved in developing policies and procedures and half in implementation. The policy side will make manuals and systems for functions the church needs to fill as Cheon Il Guk develops. “The most crucial thing,” he said, “is that now when you go out to witness and bring people, we have a warm and welcoming place to bring them.”

He spoke at length about his experience with Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim and Kook-jin nim, and the spirit with which they have guided the church and business into a position where we can face the challenges ahead from a position of much greater strength. Throughout his presentation, he quoted Father, Hyung-jin nim and Kook-jin nim, whose idea it is to witness not just to individuals but to prepare to absorb whole organizations. Of Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim he said, “What I have noticed most is how much they love the members here and how they work to give each person a rebirth experience.” JW

³ At the conclusion of the 21,000-bow condition, it was to three pillars of the Korean church—Rev. Lee Dong-han, Mrs. Erikawa Yasue and Dr. Seuk Joon-ho—that Hyung-jin nim presented prayer candles. From these three the candles multiplied throughout the nation.

⁴ For more on witnessing through these centers, see “A Japanese Import Breaking through in Korea” in our November 2009 issue.

In testifying to the work of Dae-mo nim on the anniversary of her ascension to the spirit world (see page 18 of our last issue), True Mother gave a brief account of a woman who was cured of cancer during a forty-day workshop at Cheongpyeong. This is that woman's full testimony, which arrived untitled. In choosing a title for the article, we could think of nothing more fitting than True Mother's description of the woman who wrote it.



“A Very Faithful Member in Thailand”

My name is Benyapawn Thansamai. Until the age of forty, it had been Pentiporn Thansamai, but one day on the internet, I read that the combination of that given name and my family name would cause me to get cancer and suffer from paralysis. I changed my name immediately, but it was already too late, both misfortunes had already befallen me.

Not wishing to waste your time, I will begin. During the forty-day separation condition before starting family life, I found that I had breast cancer. At my very first medical examination, two tumors of not less than seven centimeters were found. At that time, the doctor performed a biopsy, a minor operation to remove a sample of the tumor for analysis. If the result showed that the tumors were cancerous, I would have no other option than to have a breast removed. When I heard that, I didn't want to return to the hospital, and I didn't for about four months. During that time, I went to Cheongpyeong for ten days. Eventually, though, because I was experiencing severe back pain, I returned to the hospital, where I learned the tumors were cancerous.

This was 1997, and the Cheongpyeong providence had not been ongoing for very long; no one had had the experience of receiving medical treatment at Cheongpyeong then. I discussed it with Dr. Lek, my national leader at that time, and decided to go to Cheongpyeong for forty days. But once there, fear caused me to continually worry and hesitate about whether I should return to Thailand for the operation. Among Thai members, no one had gone through this experience before.

My thinking at that time was quite confused, especially about the best method of treatment. I tried to apply what I had learned in my life as a member—to practice abnegation and to fight physical exhaustion, so I participated in every activity. The Cheongpyeong schedule in those days was extremely tight, but every day I tried to overcome the difficulties this presented. After twenty-five days, I had a high fever, so a staff member brought me to meet Dae-mo nim, who told me to go back for the operation and then to return for another forty-day workshop. I remember that Dae-mo nim smiled when I told her, “I will bring victory back to God, True Parents and Dae-mo nim.” I told her I was afraid because I knew one of my breasts would be cut off, and today, only one remains.

I made my way back home to have the operation. After the operation, the tumors were reduced to a centimeter in diameter and did not spread to any lymph nodes, which was unusual, but their location was such that I might not live more than three years. The doctor was pessimistic and suggested I not become pregnant. I am thankful to my husband who faithfully wanted to keep God's blessing and eventually have a



baby. This gave me great hope to continue fighting.

I returned to Cheongpyeong for a forty-day workshop. This time I was very serious about my participation. Speaking about me, Dae-mo nim told one of the Cheongpyeong leaders, "If this member becomes too tired, let her rest; don't force her to continue." But I did everything that was on the schedule, including a three-day fast. The night after we completed our fast, Dae-mo nim met with each of us. When she came to me, she touched my chest and told me that after the operation on my right side, the spirit had gone to my left side and that I should concentrate on that area during the Holy Song sessions. The next morning, Dae-mo nim personally worked on my chest, and at the end of the forty days, a staff member brought me to Dae-mo nim, who said that my problem was solved.

I was so happy. Immediately after my return, we decided to have a baby. During my pregnancy, I didn't want to go to see that doctor. I was afraid he would ask me to abort the baby, so I decided to see him only when I was near to giving birth. Unfortunately, all the difficulties that theoretically could occur during pregnancy did occur during mine—among them prenatal toxemia, gestational diabetes, hypertension and placenta previa. Not only did all that happen but during the Caesarian Section the anesthetic didn't work properly. I was in so much pain that anesthesia had to be administered a second time.

Another catastrophe

After my first child was four years old, I became pregnant again. I encountered similar problems as with the first baby but I endured until I gave birth safely. Four months later, I attended a leaders meeting in Bangkok, Thailand's capital city. While returning home by van, I had my four-year-old son on my lap when the van was struck by a large truck. My son flew forward through the air; fortunately, the van driver caught him by the legs and he didn't go farther. Otherwise, he probably would have been in very bad condition, indeed.

My concentration was on my son. I completely ignored my own pain, but when I tried to get up, I couldn't. Only later, I realized I could not move my legs. A small-town doctor

x-rayed my spine and found no fracture. He gave permission for a relative to come and take me home. While waiting for the relative to arrive, though, I was in such pain and something felt so wrong that I asked the doctor to refer me to a larger hospital to be reexamined. At the larger hospital, they discovered that my spine was fractured. Because there was a delay before they discovered my spine was fractured, the situation was more complicated, so I was transferred to yet another hospital, one of the largest in southern Thailand. I arrived there very late at night and had to wait.

Four days later was I operated on. The operation took place in an atmosphere of despair, but while I was being operated on, all the Thai members came to our churches, rather than going to work, and offered prayers of support from the time the operation began until the end. A month later, I could move the toes on my right foot and slightly move my lower limbs, but it was not easy because both my legs were withered. I really wanted to go to Cheongpyeong. I strove for any way possible to go even if it had to be in a wheelchair or with a walker.

After I was able to get to Cheongpyeong, walking was very difficult, but I tried to participate in every activity with a Thai sister in our church to assist me. After returning home, I made good progress day by day. Of course because everything in God's creation has to follow the laws of science, it took time for my body to improve. At this time, if I consider my condition immediately after the accident or from the viewpoint of people who do not understand the power of faith, my progress has been good.

A year after the car accident, the second oldest daughter in my family found that she was in the third-stage of breast cancer. [Generally, this stage of breast cancer indicates it has begun to spread beyond the primary site.] I brought her to Cheongshim International Medical Center for an operation and attended a forty-day workshop even though I still wasn't able to move well enough.

In 2008, my oldest sister got breast cancer. She had always been very antagonistic toward our movement, thinking that I believe in a God that the ancestors of the Thai people normally



A members' meeting in southern Thailand in July 2009; Benyapawn is standing beside Asian Regional President Yong Chong-sik.



Left: Benyapawn (holding a notebook) with her sister and surrounded by other Thai members at a workshop in Cheongpyeong; Right: She was careful not to overburden her husband, who here seems glad of the opportunity to carry her

disliked and didn't believe in. Eventually, I was able to bring her to Cheongshim International Medical Center for the operation while I attended another forty-day workshop. Dae-mo nim has asked her to come again. She plans to return in this April.

My attitude through these experiences

I was fortunate at the time I first found that I had cancer because Dae-mo nim was just beginning to clarify the causes of all diseases. That made it easier for me to accept the situation and to understand my hereditary sin. At the same time, the thought that I might have to go to the spirit world before I had accomplished many things frightened me. I had not started my family; I was childless.

I am grateful that I never thought of accusing God but always felt God must have a reason for all the situations I went through. He never wants to have anyone go through hardships, but each person's indemnity is different, and God cannot prevent whatever befalls a person.

When I broke my spine, I was in so much pain but because of the serious state I was in the doctor couldn't administer an anesthetic at first. Around forty victims of serious accidents surrounded me in the emergency room. Everyone else was

moaning, shouting and expressing their pain from their physical suffering in various ways. Fortunately, I knew about True Father's life course, and it helped me very much to overcome things. Every second, I felt pain, but instead of thinking about it, I thought about True Father's pain when he was being tortured and that he endured that. I found that we have to think that this body is not ours and that God is suffering more than we. I told myself not to cry or complain about pain. I had to go through it, but I believe God didn't want it to happen at all. I only had to make sure that however much of my body did remain, it continued to serve God and True Parents.

Every day I still smile and never stop doing my mission. The first week after my operation, I held a Sunday service in the hospital and gave the sermon while in bed. After I came back to the church, I continued giving weekly Sunday sermons, lying on my back.

Another important thing at that time was that I was able to keep my family together, which I don't think would have been possible if I was constantly demanding this or that. I tried to overcome all resentment and carry any burden on my own shoulders, whether related to our financial situation or caring for the children. I had to manage everything properly and not



Left: Between a Thai member and her husband, exuding happiness; when your circumstances are difficult, Benyapawn advises encouraging others as the best means of boosting your own vitality; Right: Conducting Sunday service from her hospital bed

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hours into the flight, an aide came to me and said quietly, "The pilot has just received an unexpected message from the airport in Azerbaijan telling us that they will not allow us to land there and asking us to inform them of an alternative destination." The rally was the very next day, and they were informing us that we could not enter the country two hours before our arrival, while we were airborne! This time too, I felt faint and my heart just about stopped.

The rally was not a simple meeting. True Parents were going to Azerbaijan in the position of the Savior, to save that nation through their teachings. I couldn't accept a situation in which, due to their ignorance, we were not allowed to land.

I insistently told the pilot, "Keep to the course and don't worry. I will most definitely get a landing permit."

To be truthful, however, it was an emergency situation. In the airplane, I began calling everyone who was connected to us. I called Russian senators and government representatives. I was also able to reach the Prime Minister of Azerbaijan.

In the end, we received a landing permit twenty minutes before our arrival. It was almost a miracle. Moreover, after we landed at the airport and headed to our destination, we were assigned a special security detail of secret police under the Presidential Guard. The rally the next day was a great success.

Toward the day of the completion of Cheon Il Guk

I did not tell you this anecdote out of pride in my accomplishments, but to tell you that when you do your best with the courage and the certainty that you can do it, and with passion and faith in God's will, the spirit world can be mobilized and unexpected miracles can happen. We can make the impossible possible and work miracles.

However, our undergoing such experiences could never

give a large burden to my husband. I know that men usually have less endurance than women and caring for a husband and not causing him to feel anything lacking as his mate was also needed. I am sharing this because some readers may encounter a difficulty of this type and this realization might be quite helpful.

In the past, my family was so opposed to my being a church member. Nowadays, all my siblings are blessed, and they all have a positive view of me. When I look back, I feel grateful that even in the midst of great difficulty, I could keep my family, and we continue to fight together. Our family situation is continually improving.

What I've learned

When tragedies occur, surely other problems follow, such as money difficulties and family members becoming discouraged. Be calm and don't look for encouragement from others. Encouraging those around you will give you power. Feel great hope each morning when you get up and think of ways to make the twenty-four hours of that day valuable; thinking in that way will help you forget your situation and pain and prevent self-absorption and self-pity.

When our body is affected, we can lose confidence. Making effort to serve others helps to build confidence in us. Begin

compare to True Father's life. True Parents have lived their whole lives on the brink of life and death as they worked for the providence. The course their lives have taken looks impossible from beginning to end. They have led lives of challenge, pioneering paths untrod by others—lives of creative power that have leveled the path for all humanity to follow. They have truly made everything that was impossible possible. They have fulfilled and completed everything and they have emerged triumphant.

Beloved members, in 2010, let's work hard to make our families and churches overflow with affection and love, with our minds and hearts united just as Cain and Abel are united with True Parents at the center, as we march toward the day of the perfection and completion of Cheon Il Guk.

By distributing the autobiography bestowed on us by True Parents, we can enclose four hundred and thirty families and set the goal of converting three families, twelve families and even more, converting and teaching members of our tribes and seeing them participate in the Blessing Ceremony, thereby fulfilling our tribal messiah mission.

I hope and pray that by the end of this year, all of us will be able to shout with gratitude, enthusiasm and joy this year's motto, "Mansei for oneness with True Parents' pure heart and with all their victories under the authority⁴ of the Cosmic Sabbath centered on true love!"

When we work wholeheartedly with love and passion, the spirit world will definitely be with us. I hope that all of us will march forward without looking back, with clear confidence in the accomplishment of the will. I pray that in this new year, the tenth year of Cheon Il Guk, God's love and True Parents' love will overflow in you and in your families. Thank you. **TW**

4 This translation includes the change Father made in February. For an explanation of the change, see page 3.



Benyapawn's sister at Cheongshim International Medical Center

with simple things such as cooking or doing laundry and later work in a public mission even if you can only crawl.

It's important not to complain that no one takes care of you even though you had worked in a public mission for a long time. We have to overcome this, keeping in mind that God cannot yet liberate us, but if we pay all the indemnity without accusation, a time will come when God opens the door.

Dae-mo nim's life is another good model we can learn from. I remember hearing that Dae-mo nim never negotiated, never tried to reduce a condition God had asked her to do. Her life-style inspired me not to compromise because of my physical limitations. For example, though my legs were in poor shape, while at Cheongpyeong, I made a condition to go to the Tree of Blessing

every day of the forty-day workshop.

I am impressed by Dae-mo nim's humble, simple life, and I'm grateful to God that she taught us to live a life of repentance and to understand about the sins within us and within our lineage. Dae-mo nim also taught that our body is governed by sin and evil spirits, which do not bring God joy. I keep reminding myself to reflect on my behavior and not to do anything that will allow sin or evil spirits into my life. **TW**

Unificationists around the World

Côte d'Ivoire



A forty-day workshop was recently held at the church's national education center for twenty-four people from all over the country. It covered Divine Principle, internal guidance, our faith tradition and leadership. Such workshops are planned for every year so that new leaders can emerge to "sow the seeds of God and True Parents' love in the hearts of members and to expand the providence to the boundaries of the nation." (Photo: Sister participants pray together)

Zaougou Ernest's reflection: When we look at the world, we feel guilty because we have been unable to witness by example or spread the teaching of the Principle. And we feel called because we see that we have much to do to restore mankind. All our members must complete a full course of workshops in order to be armed for witnessing and in order to develop the attributes of leadership that will permit us to win over the world.

Kakou Arsene's reflection: I understand that God is waiting for concrete results rather than long prayers or long speeches without specific action. May God and True Parents give us the strength to match our practical effort to the theory.

— Submitted by Rev. Samuel Wawayou, national leader of Côte d'Ivoire

Photo top left: The national leader, Samuel Wawayou (in the dark suit), visiting the church in San Pedro, on Côte d'Ivoire's coast, toward the end of last year. The West African nation has seven such provincial churches.

Jordan



A Unificationist living in Jordan is behind many initiatives helping Iraqi refugees in that country. Among these, Arabic literacy classes (*pictured*) have given some of those who have fled Iraq new freedoms. In the three months since the project began, some students are able to communicate via e-mail for the first time and even read newspapers.

Russia



Participants in the 2009 Russian Unification Church summer educational program on the hiking bridge they built across the Slyudyanka River in the Lake Baikal region

Georgia



In order to support UN activities and as a part of UPF South Caucasus Peace Initiative, UPF Georgia and Georgian peace ambassadors organized a series of events related to the 2009 International Day of Peace on September 20. These were to foster better relationships between Russians and Georgians.

That day, at the Central Palace of Youth, next to the Georgian Parliament, three hundred people attended a presentation on Leadership in Times of Crisis that conveyed a message promoting peace, and which concluded with the release of doves and balloons.

The event was cosponsored by the UN office in Georgia. All five major television channels, news agencies and two newspapers reported on the program. Among the guests at the event were Manana Kutateladze, chief of staff for the deputy head of the Georgian Parliament, and Vakhtang Kolbaia, an ex-vice-speaker of the Georgian Parliament.

Dalila Khorava (photo: in the white jacket), the Georgian Minister of Health, Labor and Social Affairs for Internally Displaced People from Abkhazia, is our leading peace ambassador. During the event, she and Konstantin Krylov, secretary-general of UPF Russia, lit torches of peace symbolizing an exchange of heart between the Georgian and Russian people. Mr. Krylov gave a short speech in the Georgian language expressing the love of Russians for the Georgian people. Many children from displaced families were present. The Russian torch had been brought from the Russian Ural Region along with several hundred gifts and crafts made by Russian children for Georgian children.

— Submitted by Vitaly Maksimov, national leader of Georgia

Senegal



Most of our members come from the city of Ziguinchor. Having spent more than ten years as a missionary in the city, I can testify that people in Ziguinchor are more responsive because of their Christian background¹ and open-mindedness. In August 2009, we opened a new education center there, where we can witness effectively and find young, determined members.

For more than twenty years, this region of Senegal has had its troubles, claiming its independence from the rest of the nation. People are very sensitive nowadays to the issue of peace. When we started our mission here in 1995, the topic of peace was our way to touch people's hearts. Living in a developing country, however, young people are always facing joblessness and financial difficulties, so we are aware that we also need to increase our financial means and provide long-term hope.

For a long time, we had difficulty finding a capable Education Department leader. Recently we found a good brother from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Brother Joseph. His Ivorian wife and their daughter have joined him in Senegal, and their whole family is taking care of the Education Department. All the expenses of the center are paid by our members' donations (especially by those on the center's staff). From this year, we are determined to be financially self-sufficient.

We are organizing a monthly seven-day workshop. We witness to people through home visits and meeting them on the street. Brother Joseph and his wife go out every day—sometimes just in front of their center—and invite people to attend lectures. Even though people may respond to an invitation, it is not easy for them to become members. They do not even think they have to join. But after much effort to persuade them, people finally do.

Seeing our results from Ziguinchor, we understand that to increase our full-time membership, we need to focus on other cities and not only on Dakar, our capital city, where people are more materialistic and busily involved in worldly affairs.

—Submitted by Rev. Mbaye Diop, national leader of Senegal

¹ 94 percent of the population of Senegal is Muslim.

Sierra Leone

In a region of the country that had been a notorious stronghold of the (now defunct) Revolutionary United Front, one Christian pastor who had participated in the 10.14 Blessing Ceremony and become our member asked if we could organize a workshop for members of his former church.

We had fifty people, including a pastor, attend two Divine Principle presentations. We taught the main parts of the Principle, plus a presentation on HIV/AIDS. The workshop had been originally scheduled for Christians, but I suggested basing our presentations on an interfaith view, as some Muslims in the community had concluded we were a Christian organization seeking to convert them. They realized that our movement is family-centered and that we were trying to save them and their descendants.

One pastor suggested to us that we organize a workshop for all the pastors in the chiefdom, as [he said] this teaching had never been heard since he had become a Christian twenty years earlier. We have therefore asked the two pastors to mobilize their fellow pastors and contact us at a later date for a workshop.

On the final day, we held a hoondok service, which was attended even by children and elderly people. This is very fertile soil, and the people have the spirit of interfaith.

—From an account sent by Rev. John D. Samura, national leader of Sierra Leone



Cameroon



Left: Special workshop for the children of the Central Africa Region in Yaoundé, Cameroon, November 28, 2009
Right: Young members carrying out Service for Peace in Douala, Cameroon, November 23, 2009

Estonia



The first Baltic workshop for blessed children, in Tallinn

Belarus



Blessed children prepare plants in pots they decorated themselves during a Divine Principle workshop. The plants are gifts for children in an orphanage.

Lithuania



Participants and staff at the conclusion of a seven-day workshop in Vilnius, Lithuania

Cataclysm in Haiti

The national leader reports on how members have fared through what some are calling the worst natural disaster ever recorded in the Americas. The situation is constantly changing; we hope to include more information in our next issue.

By Théodule Paul

It was exactly 4:53 PM when the earthquake hit. I was in our chapel with Theophane, who is one of our daughters, and our boy. My wife was inside the living quarters with our youngest daughter. When it started, we all stood up before realizing it was an earthquake. Theophane ran off to find her mother and my boy clung to my leg. When the building collapsed, my daughter was entering the room where her mother was. I saw the building collapse with my wife, our lovely baby girl and her older sister inside the building. The earthquake lasted thirty-seven seconds.

After the quake, I held my boy, who was so afraid and shaking; I strongly held him even though I felt so weak. I took him out into the streets with a Japanese missionary who had been able to leave her room before the building collapsed. Then, I was afraid. I wanted to know where my wife and my baby were. The Japanese missionary asked, "Where is Theophane?" I thought she had died and I replied, "Perhaps she died." I could not stand—so weak, so weak and my heart so hot and filled with pain. I took a deep breath and ran to the collapsed house to look for my daughter. We could not see anything; a cloud of dust blocked our view. Within the dust cloud we started looking for Theophane.

When the dust had dispersed, the first thing we saw inside the collapsed building was that the picture of True Parents had stayed tight on the wall. While I was there with two brothers looking for my daughter, my wife came with our youngest, a baby girl; I took them in my arms and I cried like a baby. My wife said, "Don't cry, look at the picture of True Parents. True Parents' victory—this is True Parents' victory. Don't cry, Papa." She said we must call for Theophane, and we started calling, Theophane! Theophane! More than ten people were calling our daughter's name by then. After some time, Theophane answered, but we could not tell in exactly which direction she was. We were pulling apart debris and calling her name. I could not stand; my heart was so pain-filled. I lay down in order to breathe while two brothers continued searching. I prayed for True Parents to give me much more energy. I told them, "You have said that you take responsibility for all those in the second generation. Please save her life; give me enough energy to stay strong and to search for your daughter. She is your daughter, True Parents." And I stood up and continued searching with our brothers.

After an hour, located exactly where she was. Our minds became clear and my heart seemed to relax. I remembered she was entering the room when the building collapsed, so I told everyone that we must remove all the debris from the area. We started, every step of the way calling, Theophane! Theophane!" Her answering calls came to us clearly.

It started to grow dark, and we were obliged to use a flashlight. We asked Theophane, "Do you see the light?" "I don't," she said, "because I cannot open my eyes." "Oh! God," I thought, "my daughter has lost her eyes." I began crying, thinking about my daughter without eyes, when my wife told me, "Don't cry; we must save Theophane!"

My wife kept repeating "True Parents victory!" Finally, four of us had to move the concrete exactly where Theophane was. She was just in front of us but we could not get to her. None of us knew what to do. There was a slab of



Above: In less than forty seconds, the earthquake devastated the church center. **Below:** On Christmas Eve 2009, only weeks before the January 12 earthquake, members with the national leader and his wife (center, red and pink shirts) and their children at the church center



concrete on her back. We freed her feet, one by one, from under separate pieces of debris; her arms were freed as well, but her head alone stayed under another slab of concrete. By that time she was crying, and we were comforting her, saying, "Don't cry. *Papa va te sortir dela*. [Papa will get you out of there.]"

Bit by bit, we broke off parts of the concrete with a hammer until we freed her head from under the slab. I took her in my arms. My wife came, and I was crying like a small baby. My wife said, "Don't cry; she is safe. True Parents' victory!" My daughter was lying down. I touched parts of her body and asked, "Do you feel pain? Do you feel pain?" She had only received some knocks on the head. She could not see properly, but I felt it was not very serious. My wife said that we must go to a hospital. But I said, "Where can we go? We cannot go anywhere. This is not only us; the whole country is in trouble." All the hospitals around us had collapsed; debris blocked all the roads. The whole metropolitan area was in crisis.

We gathered on the lawn of the house and prayed, thanking True Parents. I asked my daughter to say, "Thank You, God; Thank you, True Parents," and she said it clearly. We then gave three cheers of mansei—for God, for True Parents and for Haiti.

The next morning some Japanese embassy officials came to check on the situation of the Japanese missionary and of my family. They took my daughter to a hospital. Her eyes were completely closed on the morning after the quake. She could not see, but I had the feeling that she was all right. When she came back from hospital, we were told the doctor had said she would be fine.

The same morning, many members who were also victims visited us. Their houses had collapsed. They'd lost members of their family and lost friends, but we did not have information about every member because we had no electricity and no way to communicate. Four days later, we learned that we had lost two sisters, Orpha and Mildred, who were inside their house watching television when the house collapsed on them. One member lost his father.

We all lost our houses. We are all living in the streets and do not know when we can live in a house again. We lost every single material thing in this catastrophe. Everyone is living on the streets with nothing.

In the beginning of the crisis, forty people were living on our lawn, with sixty more people around us. All of them depended on us, so we helped them with what little we had. We were in the same situation, but we felt it was our duty as Unificationists to give hope to them, not only to our members but to those in the refugee camps surrounding us.

In the center, we have a generator for people to put some charge on their phones in order to communicate, which is a kind of therapy for people. My wife has personally been acting like a nurse since the day after the earthquake; many people are injured. We have some ambassadors for peace who are working to help the children understand what happened, to help them understand and accept that they are living in the streets. We play with children; we share toys and crackers with

them. Some of them cannot accept the situation. They don't understand why they are not home with their parents; many of them lost their parents but are not yet aware of this.

We are among the most fortunate people on earth because we received financial support from Unificationists through the United States church headquarters, the International Relief Friendship Foundation in Germany and IRFF in the U.S.

We are living in a state of crisis, without running water, electricity or drinking water. Some members are even without clothes and shoes. Food is an immediate concern at the moment. We are fortunate to have received help from Unificationists, and we can help others with such things as water, food (rice, beans, fish, corn and milk) oil, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, blankets, flashlights, clothing, sweaters, sugar, crackers, diapers, soap and shampoo. We cannot help them with all their needs, but with the funds we received, we have helped them to have necessary things to survive. We sing a lot in order to comfort our brothers and sisters living with trauma. We will do our best to help people feel the love of True Parents through the Unification Church.

We continue to hold Sunday service in order to keep our True Parents and God alive in the nation of Haiti. Now is the time to celebrate the victory of God and of True Parents here. Many members come to Sunday service, some in sandals

because they do not have shoes and some in dirty clothes just because they want be here. Since the main quake, we have experienced more than seventy aftershocks strong enough to create more problems but the picture of True Parents stays tight on the wall, reminding us that we must keep True Parents alive in this country.

We used some of the money we received to pay a demolition company to do the job of finishing the destruction of the house that the earthquake started. One part of the house remains and we are not yet sure if it is safe or needs to be demolished. We have also given money to some members who wanted to go to their

hometowns, because they do not have a place to stay in Port-au-Prince anymore and they cannot survive in the streets.

Ten of us are living around the church center. Most of the people who come to the church center for help are members of the church or ambassadors for peace; we have more than four thousand ambassadors for peace in Haiti. I have received so many calls from them requesting our help. As an organization, we have an obligation to do something, which is why we have tried to help them. Every day we prepare food for thirty to forty people; in the morning people who come can have some coffee and a piece of bread. At lunch, thirty to forty people can eat some rice. The most important thing now for people is food and drinking water. We feel fortunate that we have enough food to give them some. We cannot give them money but we've asked them to come every day for food.

We lost our church chapel, our home and the office we do our mission from. It will be difficult to restart, but we have hope. God knows everything; we are here to do a mission that is vital to keeping the nation of Haiti alive. **TW**



A January 24 bake sale initiated and run by blessed children in southern California raised \$900 for our members in Haiti

Reflections on a World Peace Blessing Ceremony

Bringing People of Faith Together from Across Europe



The recent European Leadership Conference provided the background for the World Peace Blessing held in San Marino for ambassadors for peace on January 23. The tiny country of San Marino provided a warm welcome, from the local UPF chairman, his family and their friends—who all worked on the staff—to the Ministry of Tourism who offered their support. Sixty ambassador-for-peace couples from seventeen nations and four major religious traditions participated in a ceremony held in San Marino's elegant Theatre Titano, that national theater.

The occasion featured prayers from representative Christian, Hindu, Sikh and Muslim leaders. Riccardo Venturini, representative of San Marino to the Council of Europe, Lord Tarsem King of the United Kingdom Parliament and Dr. Willem van Eekelen, former Dutch Defense Minister, all offered their congratulations (and most participated).

Europe has maintained its Leadership Conferences consistently since 2004, with a view to permitting those who are interested in doing so to take steps closer to our path of faith. The following are reflections from couples who participated in the ceremony:



By video, the invocation from the 10.14 Blessing Ceremony plays as Dr. and Mrs. Song represent True Parents for the couples

Dr. Willem van Eekelen
(A former defence minister in the Netherlands)

Very positive. Inspiring addresses and real family spirit. Confirming your marriage makes you reflect on the past—the successes and failures and the lessons learned. We count our blessings and were happy to relive the most important day in our lives.

Janneke van Eekelen

The three days were very meaningful. It gave us an extra incentive to continue the good works and to love each other even more!

Rev. Marcus Braybrooke
(President, World Congress of Faiths)

I appreciated the warmth of the welcome, the hospitality, the fellowship and the clarity of the presentations. I would have valued a little time following the explanation of the blessing to reflect on it before the ceremony, e.g., some time to think more deeply about resentments and those things for which I wished to say I'm sorry.

As always, perhaps the strongest memories will be friendship made and renewed with people of many faiths. The ceremony in the theater was beautiful and a joyful occasion. The weekend has been a time to give renewed thanks to God for a happy marriage, to pray for our family and to recognize again the importance of marriage in many religious traditions. I hope to give more attention to marriage in my preaching and my interfaith work.

Mary Braybrooke

I found the lectures fascinating even though I already agreed with much of them, especially those about the family. Family being at the root of all cultures has always been recognized, but I liked the new emphasis and involvement. I will

Top: Timothy Miller, vice-president of the European region, giving a presentation to the World Peace Blessing participants; **Second:** Dr. and Mrs. Song lead the affirmation of the blessing vows; **Third:** Celebrating the marriage blessing with a traditional wedding cake

enjoy sharing the experience with our children and grandchildren who are very receptive.

Imam Shahid Hussain (Involved in interfaith relations at the Central Mosque, Regents Park, London)
This has been a very successful event. More importantly, it has been hugely educational. I am inspired by UPF's message and will certainly be interested to encourage my family and friends to attend future programs.

Emil Kurcik and Marie Nemcova (Civil servants in the Czech Republic)
It was a celebration of life for the sake of others. We are from a post-communist country and our marriage was held in front of secular officers, but this great celebration and blessing gave us a real spiritual experience and happiness.

Dr. Flamur Shehu (Director, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports)
On behalf of the Albanian group, I would like to express my gratitude for everything we saw, heard, touched and felt. It is a very particular experience to have all the religions and nations practicing together for a better future, family, world and for peace. We experienced great emotion when hearing about Father Moon's autobiography and the message of Father and Mother Moon and the speech by Mark Brann, UPF secretary-general, during the Blessing Ceremony touched us very deeply and brought the whole experience to a great conclusion. *STW*



Participants of the European Leadership Conference and World Peace Blessing (January 21–24, 2010, in San Marino)

