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God's Kingdom Welcomes You



Hyung-jin nim spoke at the Registration for God's Kingdom and the Fatherland, held at the Cheongshim International Youth Center in Korea on September 16, at which event True Parents bestowed Korean names on 172 faith leaders from the United States. In this speech, which was delivered in Korean, he explains the significance of this unusual gift.

An American minister becomes a member of a Korean family.



Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, leaders from around the world, please join me in welcoming the faith leaders who have come all the way from the United States. I am deeply grateful to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be here today.

It is my joy and honor to be able to hold this event together here in Cheongpyeong, in attendance of our True Parents. Today we are all participating in the historic Registration for God's Kingdom. What is this event all about? It is about all of us having our names entered into a family register. It is about becoming part of one united family structure, the family register of the kingdom of God. Upon birth, our names are added to our parents' family register. Through adoption or marriage, our names may be added to a new family register. Though the family register system may differ in each nation, everyone grows up as a member of a particular family and as a citizen of a particular nation. In a broader sense, we all have social and spiritual affiliations.

Today, we are here to gain a new affiliation, one completely different from our past affiliations—an affiliation with the kingdom of God. We cannot fully understand the truly historic blessing that we are receiving today unless we first open our spiritual senses. Therefore, I would like to ask everyone to open their hearts and open their souls to hear the voice of God, who is speaking to all of us here today.

As you know, it is not simply by choice that you can become a citizen of a different nation. Even in the free nations of the United States and Korea, citizenship is not obtained easily. Many qualifications must first be met. In Korea, the Nationality Act defines such qualifications.

In the same way, it is not easy for us to have our names entered into the family register of the kingdom of God. First, the kingdom of God needs to be established on earth, and we need God's authority to allow our names to be entered into the family register. Many people have waited for such a day. Today is your day.

How is it possible for our names to be entered? It is possible because True Parents have entered our names for us.

Ladies and gentlemen, God, the Creator and Father of all humankind, sent True Parents to earth to open the way for all humankind to become part of His kingdom. Throughout True Parents' lives as the Messiah, Savior and Returning Christ, they have sought to build the kingdom of God on earth.

Our True Parents have revealed the essential truths through which humankind can be saved from evil and sin. These truths help us to understand God, and God's will and open the way for us to live a truly good life.

True Parents have shown us examples of the heavenly practice of true love. They have matched and blessed in marriage people of differing ethnic, national, racial and religious backgrounds, based on their teaching that God's ideal of creation is for a husband and wife to unite and create a beautiful, true, ideal family.

True Parents founded the Abel UN with the purpose of liberating the world from conflict and war. The mission of the Abel UN is to bring all of the world's peoples and national governments together under the banner of building the ideal world that God originally envisaged.

True Parents have invested incalculable devotion and effort to reach this point. True Father

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Cover Photo: True Father delights Mother with a kiss as they sing for their guests at the luncheon celebration at the dedication of the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel in Geomun Island, off the south coast of Korea, September 12; **Back Cover:** The 172 faith leaders take a photograph with True Parents, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim in front of Cheonjeong Peace Palace.

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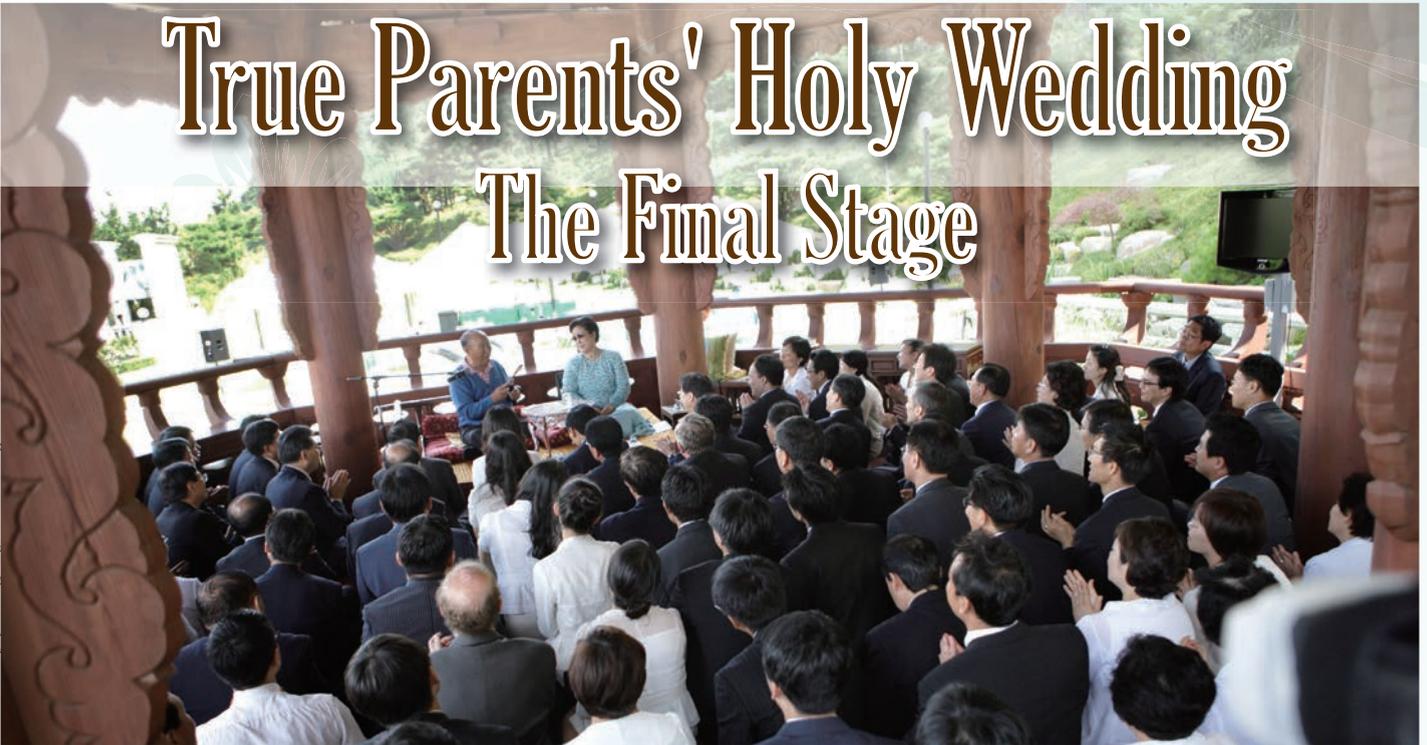
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True Parents' Holy Wedding

The Final Stage

Photos courtesy of Cheongjae, Peace Palace office



On September 2, True Father gave an important message during hoondokhae and continued speaking to members afterward in the pavilion adjacent to the peace palace (this was one of four Chuseok celebrations held for staff members of providential organizations at the beginning of September). A video of portions of what Father said was produced with English language subtitles, and this is being made available worldwide. In this edition we have added content that was not included in the video and improved the translation overall.

You did not know it, but God's providential will shall rise and expand its borders from now on, while the borders of the satanic world will retreat. You should be aware that we have crossed the halfway point in this world....

A person who stands in the central position with desperate determination for God's will always prays with a focus, "I know how long You have lived with everlasting sorrow and grief, so please let the day on which Your will can be realized come quickly." Such prayers never go unanswered. Before the sunlight can reach your threshold, the sun rises in the distance. Once you know the direction the sun will rise from, you should never lose that knowledge. You need to always think about your surroundings and measure the distance to the sunrise and establish an ideological system in preparation for it.

If there is a supranational, global constitution, and you have to fight to uphold it in your nation, even if you end up in prison for doing so and die there, you will have no regrets about your life. Heaven will uphold it for you. Only two years and eight months of Jesus' life was enough time to influence two thousand years of history. He was dressed in rags and looked little better than something discarded, but he digested the worldly cultural reality and the situations around him, and his thought influenced people to the depth of their hearts.

When you think about it, you should realize that it was more than Jesus' doing; it was the work of God. The same is true with me. Families, grandfathers, siblings and parents came before me, but I was set apart from them because God called me. I am different from you.

No matter who stood against me, I knew that the important thing was to reach a certain standard, because if I reached that standard everything bad would be negated. While in my

teens, I had great influence over even my grandfather and my mother. What do you think I am doing now? It is a miracle to think that things I said over a number of decades are now coming true. I have called you here on this day because we are standing in front of the most important of all gateways to the next phase.

You need to know what to do to fulfill your mission as a messenger. When you receive God's call, it is a time to reflect and observe. There are two kinds of people, those who receive God's call and those sent as special messengers; I am both kinds. When I go to the spirit world, the people there will be amazed to receive me, because of the history surrounding me.

A schoolmate and I stayed in touch for decades, but I never met with him. Because of my character and position, I could not talk about many things, even to my mother and father....

Our Mother, please raise your hand. Here is a woman who has suffered greatly. She relates with me as her husband, yet the demands she makes of her husband do not immediately have any effect. Even though she is in the same position as I, we are in different dimensions. Whenever you hear the things I say, if you do not understand, you may ask a question or two, such as "How will we do those things?" If you don't understand, you will not be able to do what I've asked you to do.

I did not stay in Korea but went out to the world because it was not possible to do things here. That is how I have lived. How many years has it been since I left my hometown? Standing in front of the gate that leads to my hometown, I go out again and seek out my home....

I live in attendance to this book.¹ Look at it. I have entrusted all of this to Mother.... How many times have you read this

¹ In these excerpts, where Father speaks of a book, he is referring to the binder holding his speech and often by extension to the speech itself.

book? The substance of today's instructions are in this book. It is my "second self." This time I have revised the introduction....

What is the title? Everything can be explained by the title. All my secrets are in this. I have proclaimed the word—the proclamation of the word by God's Substantial Self. Did you know that the spirit world has been unified? When I say something, I live as if it has happened. I live with the ancestors and religious leaders....

I am saying that you should not like me. I am a person with a lot of bitter sorrow. There was a place that I loved in my hometown, where I shed tears alone. I held onto the boulders on the hill alone and prayed to become a friend to that friendless hill. I had no friends. If I talk more about this, it would seem as if I had been miserable....

These stories are all recorded in this speech, which is a record of what I have accomplished, the path I have trodden through my life. Even if you live with this record in your grasp and tears in your eyes, this book is not enough to guide you down your path of life. Without meeting me, you cannot succeed with just this book. What will you do if you just have the book but do not know how to love me or the book? Your mother, older sister, wife, sons and daughters will have to disappear.

Soon I will celebrate my ninety-third birthday and mother her seventieth birthday. That is a difference of twenty-three years. You don't know how difficult it was to match our birthdays as one birthday. You may wonder how it was possible but it was accomplished nonetheless. A few more things are left, the easy ones. Everything else is complete. Didn't I say that I would see to it that True Parents' wedding takes place? I am not making this up. You have to prepare to set ten, a hundred, ten thousand or even a hundred million times more conditions than the ones offered by the people that said that they would be brides to the world. Otherwise, you men will not be able to receive the new blessing and be introduced to your bride in the presence of the Parents. You must all actually receive the blessing.

The blessing is needed for a marriage. Do you understand? It may take place at the same time. True Parents' birthday celebration will be needed in heaven and on earth, and that day will also be the day of the blessing. Even if you have learned the Principle and received the blessing, the blessing you have received is not the actual blessing but only the condition you set to escape from the snares of the satanic world. After receiving the blessing, you need to be turned completely around the right way, so that you are right side up. I have also received the first blessing and the second blessing. The third time will be the last. We have not received the blessing since we became the True Parents.² True Parents' holy wedding will take place on our birthday. We were born on the same day as if we were twins.... What you should know is that True Parents' holy wedding should be hundreds of times grander than any celebration held by any king in the course of history....

Think about it based on the Principle. Did sons and daughters exist before True Parents? [No.] Whose sons and daughters are you? Are you True Parents' sons and daughters? Are you the sons and daughters of God, of the God of Night and the God of Day? Well? Which is it? Where do you fit in? You are the archangel's sons and daughters. Once you have that answer, the Principle makes clear sense. Asking or answering any more questions is unnecessary. You have to pay indemnity. If you don't know how to indemnify this, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. You need to clearly understand. You need

² We interpret these words to mean that God has blessed Father and Mother at different stages of their unity with Him and with each other; they have now achieved complete unity as True Parents and are preparing for their holy wedding at this final level.

to cross thirteen stages. You need to cross them with complete faith in me. It is all about absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience....

Our D-Day is not far off. You know about D-Day, don't you?... I think we calculated it yesterday at something like a year and five months, or a year, four months and twenty-three days, to be precise. D-Day will soon be upon us. Do you know what will happen then? Have True Parents ever been married? Mother, have you ever had a wedding? [Mother: Formation, growth, completion....] Have we done all the ceremonies? All heaven and earth should know about the D-Day True Parents have designated, even those who have just woken up. Do you think anyone could sleep on True Parents' wedding day? How about the fish in the water, do you think they will want to attend our wedding, or not? [They will want to attend it.] Would the rats, pigs and even earthworms that live underground want to come to the wedding, or not? How about dogs, pigs, raccoons or badgers? How about all non-living things? How about raindrops and water? Rather than flow away, would water come and wait in stillness at the wedding? When you think about that, it is not fair. True Parents' real wedding would be such an event that any form of being in the world, even dead and buried people with rotting bones and flesh, would want to come to attend it. Wouldn't you want to come too even if you were dead? Wouldn't you? Even if it had been tens of thousands of years since you had died, wouldn't you want to come back to life to celebrate the joyous occasion of True Parents' holy wedding? Would you want to do that, or not? Would you want to see it, or not? [Yes, we would.]

When is D-Day? How many days are left? [499] Do you think the real True Parents will come on that day and have their wedding? I should get there before you, and close all the doors to shut you out. Have you ever welcomed True Parents? Have you ever so much as prepared rice cakes and a bottle of rice wine and waited for them to come? Have you ever so much as bought a bottle of cider to give them when they come? You haven't, have you? What I am saying is true, isn't it?...

I need to marry off all the sons and daughters in your clans and bring them together. At this time, before Mother and Father's wedding, they are the greatest possessions of the God of Night, the God of Day and True Parents. They are the greatest pillar and root. Without the seed tree, there can be nothing else. Isn't that true? Then the God of Night and the God of Day would not need me. I found out that Lucifer made one false step and that our mother, Eve, committed a sin. I hate the fruits of her womb, the seeds she has sown. I hate even thinking about them.

When I am trying to find the fundamental essence, I can see that there is only one ancestral couple. There cannot be two sets of True Parents. There cannot be two True Fathers. Is that true? [Yes, it is.] God has no wife, the same for the God of Night and the God of Day. Unmarried people will disappear. Yet because of me they cannot disappear, can they? Because they need me. They are waiting for that day and because I know about it, I cannot do things as I please. You should understand this clearly.

There is no greater blessing than if I bless you on the same day at the same hour as True Parents' wedding. There is one lineage, not two. People should live together in joy. Neither up nor down, large nor small exist. Things are as they are. When you think about True Parents' wedding, do you think they can marry while neglecting you who have been blessed? Who married True Parents? Where could you find such a principle or rule?

If you have possessions, you should feel ashamed. I do not even have a wristwatch or ring. I have nothing. Here I am, the

so-called founder of a religious group, sitting with Mother. But do I have a watch? The clothes I wear are the cheapest kind, bought in a department store and all made of nylon. They are nylon, not wool. I wear suits that cost under a hundred dollars....

So, will you come to True Parents' wedding, or not? [We'll come.] Will you just attend it, or will you also take part in it? Where will you go after receiving the blessing? Where will you go when you are separated from Mother and me? Well? Do you have any place to go to? The day that someone is appointed secretary-general of the Abel UN, the kingdom of God will come into existence. The constitution for the kingdom of God is completely ready.

I have taught you everything, so you are privileged. Our birthday is finally coming, the day on which all the complaints you poor people have made and all the sins in history can be resolved. It will be the day of liberation....

I am saying that I will allow you to take part in that day of blessing, to take part in that public foundation that True Parents have built up over thousands of years. There is no more mysterious day than that. There never will be. There cannot be two sets of True Parents. Two types of true love or a love that teaches about two different sets of parents cannot be. This is absolute....

In order to create a resting place for all of you, in order to search for the bride and groom, for Adam's family and a world that manifests Adam's will, which was lost in the Garden of Eden, a commemorative day of blessing for our brave soldiers will take place. On True Parents' wedding day, you will receive the blessing and clans will be registered, allowing them to enter heaven. You will be able to see that day of liberation. I'm talking about registration. Do you know what registration means? The nation will become different. The world will become different. By taking part in True Parents' holy wedding, you will be able to live under that banner of glory. This is a dream within a dream—a time more precious than sitting on a throne surrounded by music, more precious than a congratulatory song for the blessing. You need to be aware of this.

For the sake of that day, I shall give away my life, assets, even hundreds of dollars, and become a solitary traveler in the land. Finally, I have seen the liberation of the fatherland and have discovered that Korea is God's hometown. The land around Jeongju³ is God's fatherland and hometown. I know it was the training ground where I was to fulfill the way of filial piety and loyalty to Heaven during my youthful years, my twenties and thirties, in order to show how one could live in that place, which is the model of the heavenly nation and which I shall never forget. If you ever go to that training ground, you must submit to training. Do you understand? [Yes.] It is my hometown, the hometown of the father and mother. You should go and live there.

If you can live in that way, give the blessing to your descendants and not depart from there, I have accomplished my responsibility. What more can I teach you? What? Tell me. Nothing remains. I have given everything. My son Kook-jin is suffering. Yet what sin has he committed? I also feel sorry for Hyung-jin, because I could not do well for him as a father. They have many siblings who are already in the spirit world. Some of my sons and daughters have gone there. I should go there now and gather them. I have seen a quarter of my children go to the spirit world. I know that you are not qualified to be candidates to replace them. Yet, for the sake of humankind, for the people who remain, my blood has left stains, and I have joined you

3 The township where Father was born, a bit inland from the west coast of North Korea, equidistant between Pyongyang and the Chinese border.

in blood ties through the blessing. This lineage, in which we are bound together, cannot be broken. That is why you should know you cannot avoid this path.

If it is a sin to be the child of a person, you should gratefully accept that sin. Where can you go when the inevitable path, destiny, remains? You should follow me on this path. Do you understand? [Yes.] Will you follow me or not? [We will follow you.] Close your eyes, raise your hands to the heavens, and clap your hands loudly. Put your hands down. Why do I accept this? Are you making a promise? ...

Do you know how many of those descendants are crying in the spirit world? The conditions for me to release them don't exist. You should remember this day, today, and prepare for the coming of that day,⁴ thinking of your older brothers who are waiting in the spirit world. Who will save them? No one. There is no path by which it can be done. You must save them. Understand this. Pray about it. I do not tell untruths....

I want to go now to where I discovered God's will and cried deeply as a young boy. I long for that place. When that person who had held on to a tree and wept bitterly because no one understood his circumstances went back to that place again, the tree and everything else was gone. I should return and rebuild it in its original form. Anyone capable of rebuilding it should follow me, follow the footsteps of a man who is over a hundred years old. The young people should shed tears of gratitude and move forward. Only then can the homeland that can liberate me revive. It has not revived, yet it can begin to revive.

I go with that hope in mind. Yet, you can actually live in that world. Do you understand? I am slow and do not know how many more months I shall last. I may pass away and be gone, but I shall entrust that world, which I have lived in, to you and turn the suffering of my younger years into blessings. My only wish is that your descendants become ancestors that can bequeath to someone the things that I was unable to completely pass on to my children and descendants. I have no other wish. That is my only desire.

I do not need money. I don't need blessings. What could I do with money now? What could I do with blessings? What remains are the teaching materials and textbooks of my speeches, which I have left for your descendants. You should seek out what I have said and live according to it. You should be able to say proudly that you are indeed the fruit of what I have taught. If you can do that, I shall live in your background, and with your descendants. I shall be able to live with you forever. I will not go to the spirit world; instead, I shall live with you. In that world, we will be able to see and greet each other. Let's go to that world together! How do you like that? [Very much.] Will you go with me or not? [We will.]

Place your hands on the ground, put your face to the ground and pledge. Place your hands on the ground, throw yourself to the ground and pledge that you will go. I hope that you will. I hope you will do that. What do you think your descendants will do? You should protect them on my behalf. They are your blood relatives. Thank you.

If you adapt, what has transpired in this meeting today will not disappear but will become a seed in your heart that will bloom. The fields of its fruits, coming from your bosom, will be revived in your descendants tens of millions of years from now. Do not throw this away. Do you understand? I pray that you will not forget what I have said and asked of you in True Parents' name. With this, I will conclude today's meeting.

Please rise and I will say farewell. **97W**

4 Presumably the day of the holy wedding; earlier in the text, Father refers to it as the day of the liberation of our ancestors.

Receiving Encouragement from the True Family



On September 20, True Mother visited the offices of the Tongil Foundation (photo right), and of the World Mission Headquarters—this is also the home of *Today's World Magazine*. Staff members were introduced to Mother (photo left) and she gave many good ideas and much encouragement.



A workshop and sports day were held for Tongil Group employees from October 7-9. This brought together all 230 church leaders nationwide, all business leaders, and the heads and staff of all the providential organizations (such as WFWP)—more than 700 in all. A feature of the three-day meeting was that church and business leaders could spend quality time together and appreciate their common calling.



Today is the fifty-second anniversary of the establishment of the church in Japan. Rev. Yeong-seob Song (of Japan) said, while introducing Kook-jin nim, "Kook-jin Moon is not an American businessman, or Korean or Japanese, but he is a Cheon Il Guk businessman." And I think it is true. I believe that you cannot become a Cheon Il Guk businessman without knowing God, True Parents, true love and the Principle; just knowing economics and management is not enough. You must understand God's will and the situation. Only then can you lead business activities. — *Ji-yea nim, in a tweet sent on October 3*

The Coming Reign of Tranquility

Dedication Ceremony of the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel on Geomun Island

True Father gave this speech at the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel dedication on September 12, to an audience that included the 172 faith leaders from the US. We have extracted some of the main points Father added extemporaneously to the prepared text and translated them. In these pages, the original text Father is reading is in dark blue type (short extracts are included to provide context) and Father's extemporaneous comments and additions are in black.

TRUE PARENTS' BENEDICTION AT THE TAPE-CUTTING CEREMONY

We wish to dedicate this place before our Heavenly Father, watched over by the five Great Saints, holy men, and sages in the spirit world. Father, please allow all the billions of blessed families in the spirit world to become one in heart and body with the blessed families on earth. We also pray that Your blessings will be with all the people who are giving attention to the dedication ceremony of this seaside hotel. On this day, we are celebrating this beginning point for True Parents and the beginning of the new era after the coming of heaven, in which we will establish the standard of the holy nation of True Parents through this dedication ceremony of the sacred Cheonjeong Hotel. We hope and pray that You will accept our dedication with joy in Your heart, and that through this dedication ceremony we can fulfill all of Your long-cherished dreams at once and uphold Your victorious supremacy. We pray this with all our hearts. Aju, Aju, Aju!

TRUE FATHER'S SPEECH

I'm more sorry than thankful to you for bringing you to this sunlight-filled plaza on such a hot day. I have held many such rallies as I traveled around the world, and it was my intention to build a big palace in Korea, such as you have never seen before, and ask you to come. The people of this island, however, do not think on such a large scale, and so the palace grew smaller and smaller until it became what you see now.

I hope that you can think big, with a heart thousands of times bigger than mine, and make plans to pioneer and support this island, so that we can make this whole island into a plaza where people from all the world's races can get together and hold an assembly.

Today is a very hot day, but I hope that you will not just sit there sweating and that you will find joy in what I say and wish to hear more from me.

Should I speak for a long time, or for a short time? It's almost lunchtime and I am hungry too, and since you want me to speak for a short time I will do my best to do so, though if I look for a way to speak for a short time now I will never be able to finish on time! [Laughter] Therefore, asking you to forgive me in advance if I speak for too long, this ugly, old, yet world-famous Moon somebody-or-other has come to this podium for the first time.



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department



Father delivers his address in front of the newly opened Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel, September 12

I see by your faces that you are younger than I, and that you are bold and brave. There was a typhoon coming to this island, but thanks to your strength in praying, “You! Typhoon! Stop!” it has indeed gone away. [Applause] Yes. Wishing in my heart that this day of blessing will kindle the fires of hope and that the ideal of peace and prosperity will come true in the land of Geomun Island through the grace of God, and even though I am not such a good speaker, I will begin my address.

It’s hot, isn’t it? [Yes.] If you feel too hot, you can just stand up and go home.... [Laughter] I hope that you will remain seated and listen to what I have to say with hearts like those of young children. [Applause]

[Father begins reading his speech from a point about two thirds of the way through.] The number 3 from 3:25 AM represents the three eras from the saying “Success comes at the third attempt.” It also symbolizes the Old, New and Completed Testament ages. Twenty-five minutes, or the number twenty-five, is a quarter of one hundred. The True Parents...

I have begun to proclaim the never-before-proclaimed term “True Parents.” As I toured Europe, I talked about the era before the coming of heaven and the era after the coming of heaven. I can talk about these things because the time has now come that I can speak to others as the True Parent, as God’s representative.

Through these proclamation ceremonies, all the borderlines in the entire cosmos have been abolished. Consequently, centering on God, heaven and earth shall exist eternally, night and day, under God’s reign and with the support of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Nothing can be achieved if no one cooperates with True Parents when they come. Why? Because the first parents failed to become True Parents and became false parents instead. This is why we have had to pass through tens of thousands of years of restoration through indemnity to eradicate the position of false parents.

You must establish the standard for absolute parents and for absolute children, and naturally establish an absolute family

There is nothing coercive about it. Once we return to the era untouched by the Fall and you will be able to follow the tradi-

tion of your original heart, your original nature will compel you to follow it naturally. This era will soon unfold.

Do not forget the fact that during True Parents’ lifetimes we all have the responsibility to liberate families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world from the authority of hell.

You should not think that what I say will just disappear; you have a responsibility as individuals to follow what I say, bring down this sinful world and restore the world of the original true nature before the Fall. It isn’t right for you to live in prosperity by yourselves. You have the responsibility to abolish hell in this world.

Now that the era of restoration through indemnity has ended, what kind of era is dawning? The reign of tranquility and prosperity in the victorious authority centered on God and True Parents shall be eternal.

What it means is that we will go beyond the world where people can be punished based on laws and constitutions; God will personally rule over those who have regained their original nature. That is why those who haven’t done so will be taken away. Those who don’t listen will be taken away, whereas those who do listen and receive this education will remain.

Both people who have loved me, the leader of the Unification Church, and people who have opposed me have been taken to the spirit world. I wondered about what happened to them there, and I saw that they became soldiers of God. Whenever Satan does something wrong, people are made to leave their bad groups and are taken to the spirit world where they are reformed into helpers who work on Heaven’s side.

Fourth, we are now entering the era of the authority of God’s direct dominion.

Times have changed now. You don’t know this, and you don’t even know when you are going to die. You have given birth to children, but you don’t know when and if they will become presidents of or leaders in their nation or in the broader world. You will find out after decades, but for now you don’t even know what is going to happen in the next three days or in the coming week! Don’t be so confident!

I know, and I don’t lie; I reveal the truth as it is. And when those living in the same age and place as I apply what I say, they will live with the eternal God and be given the right of



As a gesture of goodwill, True Parents donated five head of Korean bred beef cattle to the Geomun Island community.

inheritance, by which they can become members of God's family, princes and princesses of the unified kingdom, and receive blessings as the firstborn children. It will be wonderful! Such a world is coming.

The Washington DC–New York Assembly was held in order to establish the realm of victory, and to make headlines that summarize my life course, which decisively brings to a conclusion the realm of victory, creating a world in which God, completely victorious in the providence, is liberated and completely freed through the life course of the True Parents; and in order to bring perfection, completion and conclusion to the era after the coming of heaven.

You must not forget that these assemblies are continuing.... There is a high possibility that this will happen, and those who believe in it will not perish but will be saved. This old man standing on the podium is telling you that an era of special choices and grace is coming, and asking you to please bear that in mind. I have to tell you this, even in this scorching heat! Do you understand? [Yes.] How about a round of applause? [Applause] Thank you. Who has ever said such things?...

The ceremony is not the *Seunghwa* Ceremony, but the *Seonghwa* Ceremony—in the Chinese characters, *seong* (聖), meaning sacred, and *hwa* (和), meaning harmony. This is for people with physical bodies, who use chopsticks and spoons, and toilets.¹

God and Jesus are in the spirit world in the spiritual form and do not have physical bodies, so they cannot give birth to sons or daughters. You cannot give birth to children in the spirit world. This is why God sent Jesus to earth so that he could re-create the world as one where human beings can dwell with God. The people killed Jesus, however. Do you think he came to die, you crazy people? The time has come for us to reflect on, analyze and distinguish what is what, and to find where we stand....

I'm not talking about Seunghwa [for someone who has died]. I am referring to parents in a family, who eat, excrete wastes from their body and earn a living. I am talking about parents and their children living in the world. It may seem as if the world we live in is the same as that of others, but we have different traditions and a different lineage.

There are two sides in the world, the one standing absolute-

1 In other words, a ceremony for people who are still alive on earth. The text proper makes this point with sufficient clarity.

ly on God's side and the other standing absolutely on Satan's. Two groups, one going to the kingdom of heaven and the other going to hell, are fighting each other. Peace cannot be achieved in a world divided in two; wars will continue.

That is why we have the *Seonghwa* Ceremony for the new world. It is a strictly regulated rite performed on the national level. We have the *Seunghwa* Ceremony, but that is something performed after death. You need to know that from the moment you hear about these, you have the responsibility as parents to raise children who will go to the kingdom of heaven. The two ceremonies are different.

The Chinese character for *seong* (聖) in *seonghwa* (聖和) contains the character for *yi* (耳) "ear" and the character for *gu* (口) "mouth." This signifies that you should not lie to the world with your eyes, nose, mouth, ears, head, chest, stomach, reproductive organs and legs. You should not tell lies.

So, can sexual liberation bring you blessings? It can only destroy you. You've thought that sexual liberation is good, however, and had affairs left and right. You will not be forgiven. You cannot run away somewhere. You had no idea that everything is written in the record of your lineage. You only act in that way because you don't know about the spirit world.

We are experts on the spirit world. Ask me anything about the spirit world. You will not be able to answer what I ask about it, but I can answer all the questions that I am asked. We are different.

Therefore, on this day I am talking about the *Seonghwa* Ceremony in the New World and the founding of the New Tribal Messiah Global Federation.² Our history is moving into an era wherein the tribal messiahs and representatives can take the place of Jesus, the people can take the place of Jesus and God, and the nation and the world take the place of God, Father and Mother. Those who do not know of this development in history will perish. You need to be aware of this.

That is why people like us have come forward, working night and day and sparing not even a second, begging for time to go more slowly, begging for more time, be it an hour or ten days, and if that is not possible, hoping that nothing will go wrong. This old man aged 93 has been busy traveling around the world, and what for? What do you think I will achieve by coming here? What would I gain by coming to Geomun Island? What, fish? What kind of fish? Mullet? Croaker? Sea bass? What is it? What comes next? Scabbard fish? If you catch them and eat them and live in prosperity, then you will go to hell. You have no idea that your actions of today, whether you step forward with your left foot, or with your right foot, will determine whether you will end up in heaven or hell. You need to know this clearly.

So back to 'Seonghwa Ceremony in the New World and the New Tribal Messiah Global Federation.' Jesus died because he was unable to establish the realms of the individual messiah, family messiah and tribal messiah. And you say he came to die! You crazy people! Stop talking such nonsense. You will be chased out. This is a warning...

If a worldwide organization by which the tribal messiahs can be connected to the global messiah is not established, the

2 This is a new subtitle within the text of the prepared speech. The Tribal Messiah Federation is mentioned in slightly different wording from when it was founded in Seoul last year. The Korean word translated here as "New" (신) can also mean "God." It is possible Father means to use it as the adjective "Godly."

bridge of salvation for Christianity and the rest of the religious realm will be severed. It will be destroyed. Nations will perish. God will leave us.

[Father reads from the special directions subsection in this speech, adding brief comments here and there. In one of those instructions Father directs that the blessing providence throughout Korea be continued centering on Dr. Sun-jo Hwang, and he calls on Dr. Hwang to declare whether he is fulfilling that responsibility. Sun-jo Hwang declares boldly that he is doing so. Father then asks him to ask everyone assembled if they will fulfill that responsibility along with Sun-jo Hwang. Dr. Hwang asks, "Will do you it?" Everyone shouts "Yes!"]

You have made a public declaration with me. I am in the position of the head of the royal emissaries, with the full authority of Heaven on my side. It is my responsibility to record in my journal everything that goes wrong focusing on the sorrows of heaven and earth, and I was entrusted with the mission of creating my autobiography and a record of my ancestral line. You didn't know about this.

[Father reads from his summary of Heaven's message nearer the beginning of the main text:] First, all blessed families should attend God at the center of their families and every day carry out hoondok education, which can completely unite parents and children. In other words, you should thoroughly teach the Divine Principle, and inculcate in your children the essence of the textbooks and teaching materials True Parents have bequeathed, True Father's autobiography, and absolute marital fidelity taught through the original Divine Principle.

From now on, I have to teach you about the constitution. Do you understand? [Yes.] No one has known about this until now, so I have had no choice but to come all the way here and awaken you to this truth. The fifty-five pages that come after it, and the part added a week ago, refer to a day that passed 550 days ago.³

Fourth, we are now entering the era of the authority of God's direct dominion. [Father is repeating this passage.]

Thirteen thousand people need to be educated (in the original Divine Principle). Present here are 172 pastors, and centering on a multiple of the number 12 everyone needs education. Thirteen thousand people from twelve nations each need to be enlightened. We don't have much time left to teach them. Will they live or die? Will they achieve a passing grade or not? In all of history, this is the first condition of agreement that we have been given to fulfill, and we need to do it. [Yes.] ...

I am conveying the following instructions to the 387 ambassadors of the 194 Abel UN member nations and 193 Cain-type UN member nations, to boon-bong-wangs and Ambassadors for Peace, to the presidents and national leaders of each nation here present, and to all of heaven and earth.

In the cosmos, billions have been blessed. You didn't know that, did you? You didn't know that the Unification Church did this even while being persecuted by others. I can assure you we have been keeping busy.

³ Father regularly adds new content to, and changes the wording of, his main speech. These changes are reflected in subsequent English versions.

True Parents' proclamation at the Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word and the Era of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind—the Washington DC-New York Assembly, the Hoover Dam Assembly in Las Vegas and the Seoul (Incheon) Assembly in Korea, which is becoming God's homeland and hometown—signifies the ultimate perfection, completion and finalization of the providence.

The Korean people have contributed greatly, not only toward the realization of Heaven's will, but also contributed to all of the religions that exist in the world. We took part in the work to liberate God's fatherland and due to the benefit of this blessing President Myung-bak Lee came to play a major role in the G20 summit.⁴ He achieved this not through his own doing; my program and was the background to this, so we need to bring everything to a conclusion following that program....

What do I need such a big "castle" for? If it were for me alone, a small tent put up in the shade would suffice. However, I am building a castle where I can protect people. How can tens of thousands of people get together and survive? The question is how hundreds of thousands, even millions, could be sustained on this small island in the middle of the sea. A terrible time will come upon us, similar to the time of Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction.

No matter how vociferous Christianity is, it can't prevail against me now. Even if pastors, theologians, and world-renowned scholars who oppose me were all to get together and



The interreligious unity at the dedication celebration was heartwarming; here, a woman leader shows the second-generation members taking care of their group how to play the shofar, a horn used in Jewish religious services.

hold a discussion with me, they would not win against me. That fight is over now. You need to know this.

The people from these nations will also take part in the cross-cultural marriage blessing on a nationwide scale in order to eradicate the fallen lineage received from Lucifer and inherit the new heavenly lineage.

Those who are over thirty years old and who have run away from marriage and enjoyed free sex will have nowhere to go. Anyone who has enjoyed free sex will have no means of hiding that fact from anyone. You need to know that I am in charge of all of your ancestors who are keeping a record in the spirit world even as we speak. Do you understand? Pull your-

⁴ President Lee and five other leaders issued a letter urging the G20's leaders to take steps to respond to specific global economic problems.

selves together and be honest. The man in charge, the person responsible, is the one standing right here. You need to recognize this. This is my final proclamation.

The historical conflict and strife experienced by the four great representative kings—that is to say, the God of Night, the God of Day, the King of Kings, and True Parent—and which arose because the first ancestors fell, has finally been completely resolved by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Jeong-ok Yu! [Yes!] Stand up. He has come here as a representative who can give lectures on God's substantial liberation in heaven and on earth. You have been teaching people; do you have confidence or not? [Yes, I have.] Answer more loudly! [I have confidence!] You have been entrusted with the mission of standing in front of people and explaining my teachings to them, and it's unacceptable if the Tribal Messiah Federation doesn't educate thirteen thousand people. In the army when orders are given, they must be carried out. The same is true here.

D-Day is coming soon; it is about a year and four months away, and before that day comes you will have enough time to teach people hundreds of times over. You have been told how long you have and what you need to do during that time. As a chosen representative, if you take time off to nap and indulge yourself, I will not take responsibility for you even if you are caught and apprehended. I have informed you about this. I am not making this up. I don't know how to lie.

You! Ask these people whether they will come to be taught or not, since they have been told to do so. [Jeong-ok Yu, turning around to address the assembled crowd: Will you come to be taught?] [Yes.] Raise your hands high and give a big round of applause. [Applause] You have made a promise in front not only of me, but of God. You may sit now. I am not playing games here.

May the heavenly fortune that flows through the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind be with you all.

God follows and protects me. If you follow me, because I am under God's direct dominion, all the angels in the spirit world that belong to Lucifer will change their ways, stop you



T. L. Barrett, pastor of the Life Center, Church of God in Christ, in Chicago, gives his love to True Parents at the celebration luncheon.

in your path, and guide you to the Unification Church. That time is coming. Where will you go? Well, the answer is in the words of this speech.

I pray in True Parents' names that God's blessings be with you, your family and your nation.

Don't believe your fathers, grandfathers, husbands, sons or daughters. You need to believe in True Parents. Will you believe them or not? [We will believe in them.] Then stand up, all of you, and clap your hands. [Applause] [Sun-jo Hwang asks for a bigger round of applause for the precious speech Father has given, while Father continues:] Thank you. Thank you! Today is a blessed day because it is the day on which the gates of the kingdom of God can be opened in Geomun Island. I proclaim this again in the names Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon, forever and ever more.

[Mother is now standing. Sun-jo Hwang asks for more applause and announces that Korean Church President Joon-ho Seuk will lead three cheers of Eog-mansei. As Mother joins Father at the podium, Father stops Dr. Seuk and speaks on:]

Well, lastly, ladies and gentlemen, looking at page 74, "...Our final providential destination...perfection, completion and conclusion." [The audience: Eog-Mansei] Eog-Mansei for these three. "The era of peace and tranquility is completed....The hoondokhae era is concluded and finalized on 7.3 in the second year of Cheon-gi." This is our goal. "Sun Myung Moon, 7.3 in the second year of Cheon-gi" [Applause] The overall conclusion has been made centered on the numbers seven and three.

This conclusion was made for all history through this title alone, and anyone can understand it. We will conclude things here now. All those who attended this meeting will be given a copy of this speech. I hope that you will visit the Unification Church leaders in charge of the different districts and families, ask questions, receive answers, and resolve everything before D-Day comes. I wish and pray for this in the names Sun Myung Moon and the True Parents. [Aju!]

[Everyone offers three cheers of Eog-mansei] Geomun Island Eog-Mansei! **STW**



Geomun Village Harbor as it looked on a bright, sunny September 12.



Registration Certificate

Certificate of Cheon Il Guk Registration
 Name: **Jorg Heller**
 Family: **Moon**

True Parents hereby allow your name to be entered into the family register by bestowing a surname of God's Fatherland on you who have inherited the teachings of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

8.9 in the second year
 of the Heavenly Foundation

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overcame many difficult and life-threatening situations, including six unjust imprisonments, and True Parents together experienced a fearsome helicopter crash. Throughout his life, True Father forgave and loved those who tortured, persecuted, attacked and slandered him.

Based on their victories through love, True Parents completed the eight stages and became one with God in body, mind and spirit. As the True Parents of the earth, in unity with the True Parent of heaven appearing in human form, True Parents have established themselves as the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. In this position, it is now possible for True Parents to enter our names into the family register of the kingdom of God.

Please join me in returning glory and showing gratitude to our True Parents for bestowing on us this unimaginable blessing. Let's give a thunderous round of applause for our True Parents!

What duties fall on us now that our names have been registered? We are among the first to have our names entered in the register, but we must not be the last. Now that we have been reserved a spot as citizens of the kingdom of God, we must truly build the kingdom of God in our midst.

We have all heard stories of the American Pilgrim Fathers. They bravely travelled across the Atlantic in search of a place in which they could worship freely. The first thing they built was a church in which they could worship the Lord. They

sought to build an exemplary Christian nation—a city on a hill.

With our names now entered into the family register of the kingdom of God, we have the mission of building His kingdom. His kingdom can only come when the world honors and respects our True Parents. In order for us to change the world, we must first change ourselves by following True Parents' teachings and their exemplary lifestyle of practicing true love. We must build ideal families, live for the sake of others and uphold heavenly law.

We must actualize the ideal of one family under God. In God's eyes, all people are His sons and daughters. He does not distinguish one person from another based on ethnicity, nationality, race or religion. Thus, there can be no discrimination in God's kingdom. We must treat each other as fellow sons and daughters of God. It is our mission to stand on the front line and build the peaceful world God dreams of.

We have been blessed by having our names entered into the family register of the kingdom of God. Let's not forget this historic and providential blessing and work hard to build His kingdom. Our True Parents will be with us and guide us every step of the way. Let's be grateful to True Parents for the blessing we are receiving today, even if we do not fully understand its deep significance. Please don't forget that we are on this path together as God's eternal sons and daughters.

I wish to express my gratitude to you for participating in today's registration event. May God bless you! **STW**



On October 5, a parallel Registration for God's Kingdom and Fatherland was held at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas, in the U.S.





Father Moon's Path and the Ocean Providence

By Julian Gray

Tiny Geomun Island (거문도) is actually a cluster of three islands situated 116 kilometers (72 miles) south of the coastal city of Yeosu, under whose administration it falls. It has a picturesque harbor village and a population of some two thousand souls. Now it has an official palace too; on September 12 (8.15 by the heavenly calendar), True Parents officially dedicated the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel.

To be present with True Parents at this providentially historic event, non-natives of Geomun Island, including church leaders from the mainland plus overseas guests, availed themselves of specially chartered high-powered catamaran ferries, each holding several hundred passengers. The swift craft covered the distance from Yeosu in an hour and a half.

True Parents, other True Family members and their immediate staff arrived by helicopter. As they were driven to the main entrance of the building, Father waved warmly from the car window to the crowds of members who had watched the helicopter since it had appeared as a small speck in the sky. After alighting from the car, Father stood and waved some more.

Following True Father's benediction to dedicate the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace and the cutting of the tape, Father, with Mother by his side, entered the new building and holy salted the main lobby, sprinkling holy salt to the South, North, East and West. Writing the traditional calligraphic message came next. With bold strokes, Father inscribed six Chinese characters that might be translated as the Harmonious Mother's Peace and Love Foundation.¹

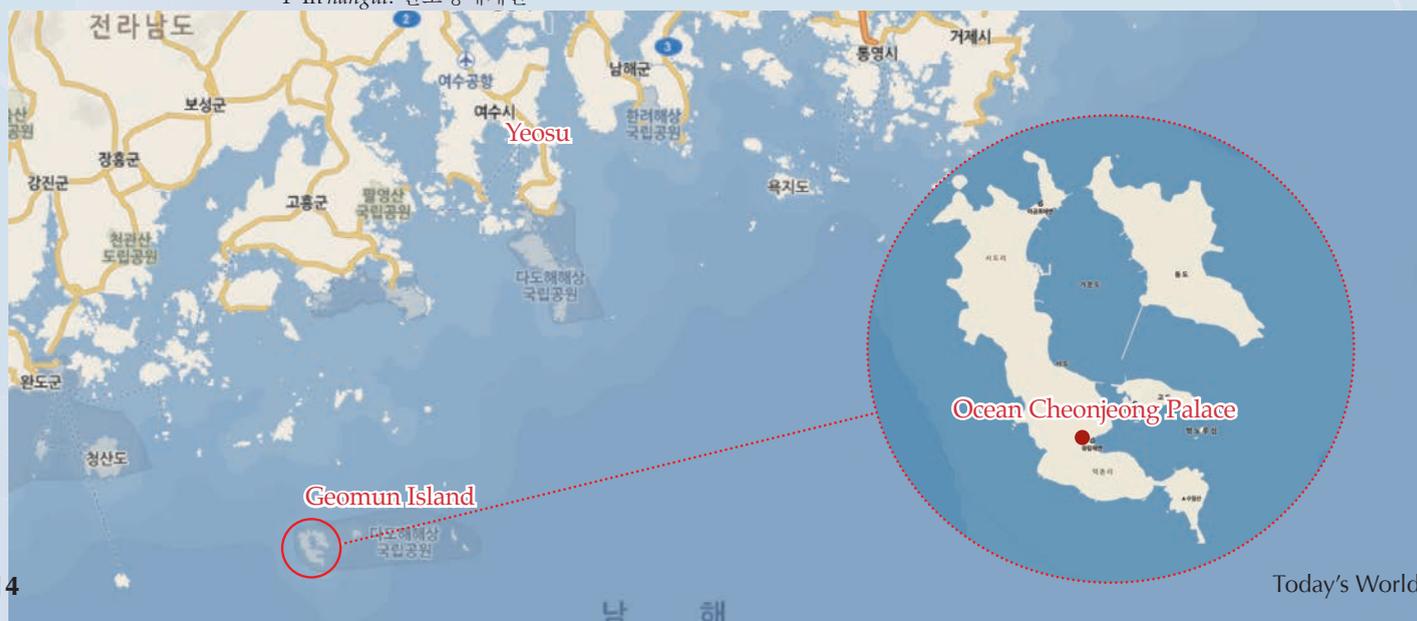
The celebration then moved to the lawn in front of the palace, where a stage and chairs for a thousand people had been set up—a good number considering the remoteness of the location and that this was Chuseok, the most important Korean family holiday of the year. They were all filled. Notable among those present were the 172 faith leaders from the United States, some 350 Unification Church leaders from Japan, and a cross section of the native Geomun Island population, to whom Father and Mother had extended an open invitation.

The new building should attract blessing, even of the material kind, to this southern outpost of Korea, as it has all the attributes of a fully functioning hotel, with forty-six rooms.

According to Professor Taek-yong Oh of Sun Moon University's Department of Theology, who devotes much time to understanding True Father's providential path, Father explained that he views the name of the island Geo-mun-do as follows: *Geo* is the Korean word for "big"; *mun* is Father's name (Moon); and although *do* (pronounced *doh*) means "island," Father interprets it as the synonymous with *do* meaning "way" or "the will." So Geomun Island means the "Path (or will) of the big Mr. Moon."

Congratulations were offered in song and word. Among the speakers was Mr. Hee-su Kim, a church member who is president of the Hwayang Project that is developing leisure facilities in the Yeosu area

¹ In *hangul*: 원모평애재단





Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department

The dedication ceremony included Rev. Yeong-seob Song's prayer, Rev. Sun-jo Hwang as MC welcoming everyone, Expo 2012 Organizing Committee chairman Mr. Dong-suk Kang's congratulatory remarks, Archbishop George A. Stallings' expression of gratitude on behalf of the invited faith leaders, and Mr. Hee-su Kim's explanation of the construction process.

in cooperation with the Korean government. Being responsible for the construction of the palace buildings (there are two in fact; the adjacent annex is a hall for holding events), he gave an overview of the process from securing necessary permits to the construction method and time frame. Archbishop George A. Stallings, Jr. offered congratulations in English on behalf of the overseas delegation of ministers.

Mr. Dong-suk Kang, Chairman of the organizing committee for Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea,² congratulated True Parents and all present. He explained:

In 2012 the Expo will begin a new era of the ocean industry in this region. Father Moon foresaw the development of the ocean industry and selected Yeosu as a base of development. As Father Moon wrote in his autobiography, in order to become global citizens who love peace, we must learn to love the oceans. As we enter the new ocean era, we should all come here and experience the ocean. I ask for your love and support—True Parents, the Tongil Group, and everyone here today—in order to hold a successful Expo.³ On this beautiful island with these beautiful people I will remember this special occasion for a long time.

The sun beat down as if to test everyone's resolve and attentiveness, but the event maintained a lively pace. Introduced by Unification Church International President Hyung-jin Moon, True Father gave the keynote address based on the speech he has been giving at public events since last year.

² Expo 2012 will run from May to August next year

³ Mr. Kang is not a member of our church. The facilities we are building there likely helped Yeosu win selection as the venue for Expo 2012.

He began his speech two thirds of the way through the prepared text and spoke for an hour and a quarter.

Father has said that there must be four palaces, and according to Professor Oh, these will represent the four directions, with True Parents at the center. The main Cheonjeong Palace in Cheongpyeong represents East. This one in Geomun Island represents South. Two others, as yet unbuilt—one in Seoul and one in Switzerland—represent North and West respectively.

The Ocean Cheonjeong Palace also represents a palace for the underwater world, which originally True Father had intended to establish in the Pantanal wetlands in South America. The center of the Ocean providence, however, has since moved (via Hawaii) to the Yeosu area. Professor Oh mentioned in particular that, as many have died at sea, this providence opens the way for those unhappy spirits to be liberated.

After the sound of Eog-manseis died away and the pyrotechnic confetti had left the stage area snowy white, True Parents returned to the newly opened palace buildings where they hosted its first function, a banquet for as many of the guests as could fit in the main hall, including some of the faith leaders from the U.S. The luncheon celebration included songs from various participants, and from members of the True Family. True Parents warmed the occasion still further with a song together. The joyful gathering was the chance for some to greet True Parents personally and reaffirm that connection of heart.

Guests who could not fit into the hall enjoyed a buffet lunch outside on the palace lawn, which featured a wonderful selection of traditional Korea fare. At the opening of this unostentatious but provisionally significant palace, everyone felt like a prince or princess for the day. *STW*



Photos courtesy of Julian Gray

Left: Residents of Geomun Island attended the ceremony; Middle: Cutting the tape to open the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace; Right: A church leader from Japan follows the text.

ACLCLC Answers the Call

BY MICHAEL JENKINS

Rev. Michael Jenkins is chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCLC). While in Korea with 172 leaders of various faiths who had responded to True Parents' call, he spoke to us about the mission of ACLCLC and their experience in Korea. ACLCLC co-presidents Archbishop George Stallings and Bishop Jesse Edwards had written to the ACLCLC body of faith leaders regarding the trip to Korea: "Pastors, you are not guests, this is not a conference or convention; this is a mission. We will not be staying in hotels, but rather, we will go wherever God calls us, and we will minister to the beloved people of Korea."

T rue Father founded ACLCLC in May 2000 at Cheongpyeong with 120 ministers who believe Jesus has anointed Father Moon to bring all of Christianity together. ACLCLC has grown. It now includes clerics from all faiths based on the idea that if we unify the body of Christ (Father's founding vision for HSAUWC) and if the love of Jesus is strong enough, we can embrace Muslims and Hindus and Jews.

On that basis, we went to Israel and affirmed that Jesus did not come to die. We called upon the rabbis to express love for Jesus and reconciled the Jewish family, as expressed in the Jerusalem Declaration, and went on to crown Jesus with all faiths and with Jewish support.

The main purpose of ACLCLC is first to bring the unity of the body of Christ, and second to bring the blessing of marriage. We help to lift up the pastors to establish their own families under True Parents' blessing. And the pastors have come to feel that God is working through them as they bless couples in their churches.

We are now here at Cheongpyeong responding to Father's call for forty-three American ministers each from the north, south, east and west, representing 4,300 years of Korean history and the 430 years of Israel's bondage in Egypt before their final liberation.

We are very proud of the pastors. They are studying the Original Divine Principle. They also had the mission to receive a Korean family name and engraft into a Korean family. They truly feel they are part of a Korean family. The experience they had in the churches in the cities was overwhelming. They actually could accept that God has prepared Korea as the homeland, because of the family tradition and culture, Koreans' faith in God and the incredible service and love shown them by the Korean members, the councilmen, the mayors and members of parliament....

What the ministers have seen is that well-known Christian leaders, particularly from the African-American heritage, have come to believe and trust that God is working through True Parents. They also believe that Jesus anointed Father as the Messiah, or as the central person through whom Jesus is working to bring God's kingdom. They have come to understand that True Parents, as the Messiah, do not replace Jesus; rather, they expand on Jesus' foundation.

At first there was frequent rejection by Christians, many attacks. Many of our ministers suffered greatly. The family of one of our co-presidents, Rev. Jesse Edwards, divided over this. His brother, who is also a minister, strongly opposed him.

That all changed over the years as people saw the marriages of our ACLCLC members getting stronger. Bishop Edwards and his wife's marriage was strengthened. They see Father as totally consistent about marriage and family. They see the marriages of the people around ACLCLC getting stronger and better. That changed Rev. Edwards' family. His brother-in-law, who had



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Left: The mayor of the city of Namyangju welcomes a group of faith leaders to speak at a citizens hall; **Right:** The faith leaders testify vigorously to True Father (Rev. Jenkins, who contributed this article, and his wife Reiko are in the center of this picture).

not been supportive before, became a member of ACLC. Mrs. Edwards' mother also became a member. We still haven't got Rev. Edwards' brother!

Many pastors are testifying to feeling enormous holiness and the presence of God in Rev. Hyung-jin Moon and Yeon-ah nim. Hyung-jin nim stands up and says to the ministers, "I am just like filthy rags; as the Bible says: ...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags."¹ That is so true to scripture and enormously humble. That's moving them too; they feel a resonance with Hyung-jin nim as never before, which also provides them with more strength to trust True Parents.

Faith leaders speak to *Today's World*

REV. DAMON ROACH

We are going up to the thirty-eighth parallel, and we're going to pray. We are sending a message to the president of North Korea, that he needs to heed what Father and Mother Moon are saying.... We believe that Rev. Moon has been appointed for such a time as this, and we do believe that he is the "God of Peace" for the nation of Korea.... I'd just like say to this country, Take a look at this man, because he is more than a man. God has appointed Rev. and Mrs. Moon and their family for this time in history.

REV. SYLVETA GONZALES

ODP is another level of the Principle, preparing us for the next level, knowing the time and providing the tools to move ourselves back to our original purpose in our life with God. There was something profoundly different about Rev. Moon. I have never forgotten the feeling of being in his presence. I truly believe that he is a true messenger of God and a life-changing agent, giving God's people the power to regain their relationship with God.

REV. JAMES HERNDON

I am honored to the point of tears for being grafted into and registered with a Korean clan, the Won family. I was so happy to meet my new family; there is a sense of belonging, of real joy in belonging to a Korean family and in belonging to the fatherland of peace.

REV. JESSE DOMPREH

In 2009, I was in New York at Father Moon's birthday celebration. I saw the blessed families, and that started me thinking about getting my own family together, correcting what went wrong. We were divorced, and we have just remarried. I credit that to my involvement with ACLC marriage seminars and True Family Values seminars, and all that I was exposed to—thank God I took it seriously.

MRS. MARSHA DOMPREH

You can't hide real feelings. I was overwhelmed at some points by the outpouring of love and by the feeling of peace. I made some contacts and I intend to stay in touch. Emotions overcame me on the bus on the way home. I am so enlightened by the whole experience.

REV. DAVID THIBODEAUX

We sat down and we ate in their homes—that was something very touching. They can meet us in a facility like this or in a church; that's okay, because we are not a threat to them. But when you invite me to come into your home, where you live,

¹ Isaiah 64:6

that is a personal environment. For them to offer us that honor was very touching. Some of those children had never seen people of color before. They came and embraced us both.

DR. HOLLIE-THIBODEAUX

My husband and I had the opportunity to offer flowers [to True Parents]. Being in their presence just for a few moments, we had a feeling of oneness. And we went to Gyeongju, and the city council came out to meet us. We said how we wanted to see peace on this peninsula. We, this movement of 172 faith leaders, are part of that process; we have come to help. The city officials were so excited, amazed, that we had come and that we have an interest in something that is for them a major issue.

DR. TINA THOMAS SAXON (GIVEN AT A TESTIMONY EVENING)

It was the time I was part of the twelve representatives and I had to come up and receive the certificate, the registration, from Father and Mother Moon. I didn't know I was going to experience what I did. I was not prepared to stand in front of this man. I knew he had many accomplishments, I knew he was gifted, I knew he had built things...I knew that I resonated with him as far as wanting to build a better world. But something else happened. When I walked up, immediately my eyes



Faith leaders fishing with True Father on a boat in waters around Geomun Island

caught Mother Moon's eyes, or rather she took my eyes. What I saw there was something I really can't describe. All I know is that it was the best feeling in the world. Then my head seemed to be pulled toward him. When I looked at Father Moon, and I was looking at her at the same time, they held me as if in a grip. As I stared into their eyes, it was a feeling of 150 pounds of weight being shed. And they were holding me up. I was standing and the weight that came off of me, and the love I experienced with those people! I said to myself, this is not just a man. This is not just *the* man! This is *the* man that God has sent! And I will follow him. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP GEORGE A. STALLINGS, JR.

This message is not just coming from True Parents, or just from Unificationists; it can be multiplied 172 times by Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Jews and members of other religions of the world. Even though we may hold onto the tenets of our faith, our individual faith systems, we have discovered someone in our world who is willing to lead all of us above and beyond that to a world of true and lasting peace. **9W**



Photos courtesy of Ji-yea nim

September 3: Kook-jin nim spending the weekend with his family! True Parents called the church leaders to Cheonjeong Gung, so Kook-jin nim's meeting with them at Hannam-dong was postponed. Thanks to that, the children had a wonderful time with their father.

September 21: "This is heaven; the kingdom of heaven on earth."



September 9: Kook-jin nim visited Jeonju, North Jeolla Province, where he held a UPF meeting in the morning and toured the church in the afternoon. South Jeolla Province is also growing, keeping in tune with the other regions. Here are some pictures for reference.

Kook-jin nim in Japan: He visited Osaka and Okayama churches and gave a speech entitled "Strong Korea.*" He said that Japan, the Eve and Mother nation, will inevitably unite with Korea, the Adam and Father nation, when Korea becomes stronger.

September 12: To commemorate the catching of such a big fish off the coast of Geomun Island, the fish was dedicated to True Parents. I hooked it, and True Father brought it in with his prodigious fishing skills. I've heard that not just anyone can land such a big fish. There was every chance that the line could get cut or the fish free itself, but nothing like that could happen with True Father.



October 7: The Chungcheong and South Gyeonggi team won the tug of war. In the relay race, Yongpyeong came in first, Ilhwa second, and the Chungcheong and South Gyeonggi team third! The atmosphere was full of excitement! It was a day of happiness, joy, and aspirations. Everyone, well done!



September 25: The sun is setting on Geomun Island. I hope that all our members who are weary from working all week have been reinvigorated through the Sunday service.



September 18: True Father and Hyung-jin nim are talking about their experiences with the 172 clergymen. True Father said with delight, "Yes, the time has come!" We are in the kingdom of heaven at this moment. Aju.

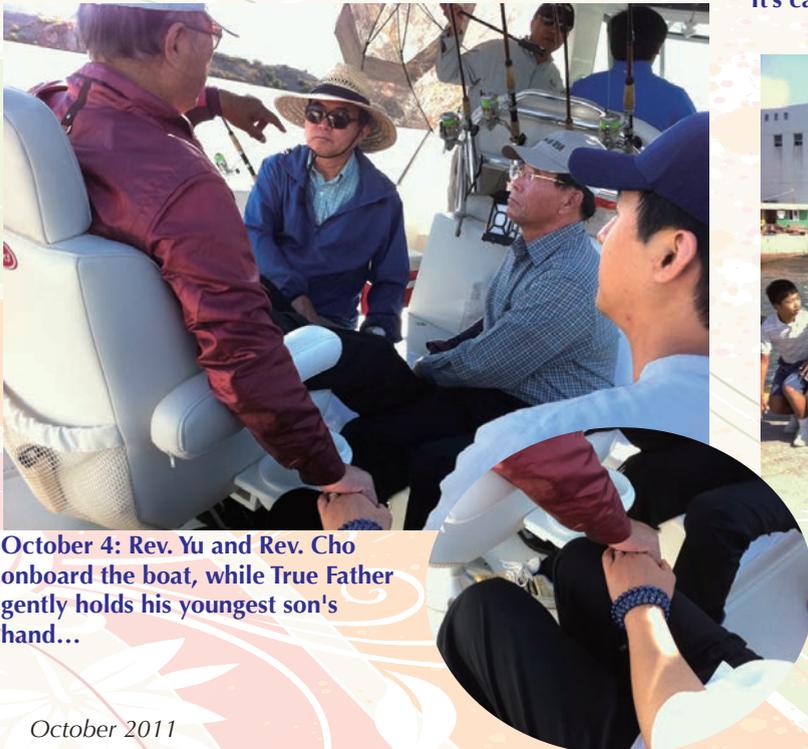
Photos courtesy of Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim



September 25: After dinner, Hyung-jin nim read aloud the Chinese characters he had written on his shirt. Father said, "Hyung-jin, you have written this well" and Hyung-jin nim replied, "Father, you are my calligraphy teacher."



September 8: He caught it as soon as he put in the fishing line. It's called a yellow tail. It's quite pretty, isn't it?



October 4: Rev. Yu and Rev. Cho onboard the boat, while True Father gently holds his youngest son's hand...



October 9: True Father in Geomun Island. He arrived in Korea today and came to Geomun Island straightaway. More than fifty members from Miyazaki Prefecture were waiting for him at the wharf. It is all the more delightful to meet Japanese members in Geomun Island.

Preparing to Take On Communism

This, the thirty-fifth installment in our series on Father's life, is based on the book series True Parents' Life Course, published in Korean in twelve volumes. This installment features the development of activities to counter the influence of communism in Korea and Japan in 1967.

Countering communism in Japan (1967)

When you go to Tokyo, you will see signs with red lettering hung out in the open by Japanese communists for all to see. Moreover, even in midday they proudly advertise the Communist Party in front of Tokyo Station or Shibuya Station.

The number of Communist Party members in Japan is estimated to be anything from 130,000 to 170,000. However, the number of people they can rouse into doing collective action is between 2.8 million and 3.5 million. Their power is at work in all parts of Japan at all times, and the most cunning and vicious of those people are the ones who belong to the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (*Chongryon*)¹ which is pro-Pyongyang. As an activist group among communists, they are at the front of all their activities. This is the situation in Japan.

The reality being what it is, if we set up a system focused only on Korea to counter the communist system, we will be unable to fight against communist camps spread throughout all of Asia. To fight them, we need to get Japan to participate in our anti-communism movement, and I have been thinking a great deal about ways to do that.

For this visit, I thought to myself that I need to somehow open the way. So as soon as I arrived in Japan I visited the South Korean Embassy and the Korean Residents' Union in Japan (*Mindan*)² which is pro-Seoul and presented them with the results I had achieved in Korea through my anti-communism talks. I went on to demand strongly of them that I be allowed to give presentations countering communism, focused on the Korean residents in Japan. Embassy officials, claiming they represent a nation, acted imperiously toward me. Mindan, claiming that officials under their chairman were important government ministers in South Korea and that they represent the six hundred thousand Korean residents in Japan, treated me high-handedly.

1 The Chinese characters for which are pronounced *Chochongryon* in Korean, often abbreviated as *Chongryon*. In Japanese the name is pronounced *Chosen Soren*, often abbreviated as *Chosoren*. Founded on May 25, 1955, its executive members are North Korean parliamentarians.

2 So pronounced in both Korean and Japanese. Founded on October 3, 1946, Mindan has been an official organization of the South Korean government since 1948.

True Parents and Korean leaders receive a warm welcome from Japanese church members at Haneda Airport in Tokyo, June 12, 1967.



Thankfully, God had sent our church district leader Changlim Choi to Japan.³ First, he gave an address to about 450 representatives of the Women's Association who had gathered from 47 prefectures in Japan, and emphasized time and again to the vice-chairperson that all Korean residents in Japan needed to hear the anti-communism information to unite their ideology.

Rev. Choi arrived at the venue, greeted the person in charge of the meeting and spoke with him for more than thirty minutes to persuade him to allow Rev. Choi to speak. He began by explaining how the name Victory Over Communism Enlightenment Group was first given to us back in Korea. He elucidated that it was not a government organization but that it was influencing all parts of Korea and every home there. He then went on to emphasize that the women needed this education so that they could take a stand ideologically.

Thus, he was given twenty minutes to speak at the conference of women representatives from all regions across Japan. At the time, representatives from the embassy and from Mindan first gave addresses, which were followed by short speeches from representatives of the Ladies' Society. Lastly, Rev. Choi stepped onto the podium to give his speech.

He spoke for his twenty minutes and was applauded twelve times. His audience was mesmerized by the speech, and they were all very moved by him. Some said, "He is quite short, but I have never heard someone speak so well before."

The manager in charge of the meeting and the leaders of the pro-Seoul group also said that they were deeply moved. That meeting served as the basis on which we could continue our work in comfort, and we went to see them day after day to negotiate with them about hosting anti-communism speech meetings.

The number of conservatives in Japan is about 1.5 million, fewer than half the number of leftists. We must draw Mindan members in Japan to our side by all means. We must give anti-communism lectures to the people in Japan through that organization. If only we could get support from the Japanese government, communism would not be a problem.

We are preparing to lay this foundation in Japan to promote

³ Mr. Choi, a member of the 36 couples, was already in Japan before True Parents' 1967 visit, working to counter the influence of *Chongryon*.

what this country [Korea] cannot. By doing those things, we will resurrect Korea and the rest of Asia. So, during my stay in Japan, I instructed that more than a thousand Divine Principle lecturers be trained and sent to all forty-seven prefectures by the end of March next year and that 230 college graduates be selected and trained as Divine Principle lecturers also by the end of March next year. I instructed the Japanese leaders to hold training sessions each month and report the names of those who have passed the test to our headquarters in Korea. I told them to make preparations for cooperation with the Korean residents and to awaken Japan as soon as possible.

Response from the Media

During my stay in Japan of about forty days, journalists came to the Unification Church headquarters and tried to interview church leaders. Today, when I was leaving for Korea, reporters were waiting for me at the airport. We paid no attention to them. Foreign correspondents in Japan from the press, such as AP and UPI, also came. Reporters came even after I returned to Korea today.

Staying in a small town (August 23–September 15, 1967)

I am now staying in Paldang in Gyeonggi Province for the purpose of giving gifts to the established churches, just as Jacob gave gifts to Esau in order to consummate his twenty-one-year course.⁴ This is to complete Jacob's blessings. Therefore, at this time our family members must sacrifice everything and give to the established churches. We have the mission to help martyrs' bereaved families, who have served God with all their loyalty even in difficult circumstances.

Countering communism in Korea

During the past year, we have given our counter-proposal to communism to 1.5 million people. These 1.5 million people were not unlettered people either. They are mostly influential people in their provinces. What fraction of the 30 million people of Korea is this? It is one twentieth. One in twenty South Koreans has heard this message. The listeners ranged in age

⁴ Twenty-one years had passed since Father began his outreach mission in North Korea in 1946.

True Father with members in Japan during True Parents' visit and tour in 1967





FATHER AND MOTHER AT THE CHURCH IN YAMOK, SOUTHWEST OF SEOUL, NEAR THE COAST, IN 1967: Left, Father throws the sticks in a yute game; Right, Fishing in the local waters

from their twenties to their forties. They are core members of society. The numbers alone tell us that we have built a foundation upon which we can have a commanding influence.

CARP in Korea and Japan

CARP originally started in Korea, but Japanese CARP has now become world famous through the press. Currently the Japanese Diet and even the police support this CARP movement. Forty-nine news publications covered the CARP activities. *Akahata* (Red Flag), the Japanese Communist Party newspaper, regards CARP as one of the three main targets to attack. I heard that CARP was reported about in Communist Party newspapers in China and in the Soviet Union as well.

Preparation in advance for the blessing of 430 couples

I am going to conduct three matchings and reach the number 430 by January 15 next year.⁵

As the consummation of the seven-year course this time, I am going to give the blessing to 430 couples because we must have more than 660 blessed couples. The number six is the number of Satan, God's enemy. We must go beyond the number six. Therefore, within a period of seven years, 760 couples, including already married couples, will have received the blessing.

Un-jin nim

Un-jin nim was born on December 24, 1967

Our daughter Un-jin's name means "grace."⁶ You will rarely come across a baby who from a very young age cries when she is not brought to pledge service on Sunday. She played all day long, became tired and fell asleep. Then, knowing Un-jin had exhausted herself the day before, her sister didn't bring her to Pledge Service. Un-jin woke up and cried until all our ears ached. This happened more than a few times. ...

From a young age, she was very interested in God. When she was one or two years old, she would sit still, look up at the sky and think. When asked what she was thinking about, she would answer, I am thinking about God. I saw this several times.

⁵ The blessing of 430 couples took place in Seoul on February 22, 1968.

⁶ *Un* (은 *eun*) means grace, *jin* means marching forward; In this extract, Father was speaking some years after Un-jin nim's birth.

Sometimes she would say that something strange was following her. She could not catch it even if she tried. When she looked behind her she couldn't see it, but she knew that something was following her. Whenever she told me that, I told her that good spirits, angels, good ancestors or great saints were following her to protect her. She asked, What are saints? I told her they are people like Jesus, the Buddha and Confucius.

Witnessing to one's tribe

Just as the first seven-year course was for the parent to carry out his work as the Messiah, in the second seven-year course you must fulfill the mission of a messiah by restoring your tribe. If you receive the blessing, you must raise a family and establish a tribe. You should carry out the tribal messiah mission centering on your tribe rather than for the sake of your nation. After erecting the national level foundation during the first seven year course, the second seven-year course is in order to erect the foundation of tribal messiahship.

I will send those who recently joined our church to the front line for three years and allow them to experience hard times. Next, I will send blessed members like you back to your hometowns. During the second seven-year course, blessed couples will be sent to their own tribes to fulfill their tribal messiah mission. They will be given the qualification to represent the Messiah at his second coming. **9W**



The Anti-Communism Enlightenment Movement holds an outdoor lecture. 1.5 million people nationwide heard this content.

Unveiling Courage

By Julian Gray

On September 15, 1950, General MacArthur landed at Incheon with the UN forces that would turn the tide of the Korean War and open the way for True Father's release from Hungnam Special Labor Camp. Sixty-one years to the day after this (on 8.18 by the heavenly calendar), a new statue representing the Four Great Saints, the founders of four great religious traditions, was unveiled in front of Cheon Bok Gung, our world headquarters church. The images of, from left to right, Confucius, the Buddha, Jesus and the Koran (resting on a plinth), represent four of the world's major religious traditions and are dedicated, as the event title mentions, "to harmony among religions and the realization of a peaceful world."

In appearance, this is really a group of four statues, linked together to reflect Unificationists' and many others' hope and desire for respect, affection and cooperation among the unique spiritual traditions.

Four faith leaders offered their blessings for the occasion. Officially representing Buddhism was a senior administrator from the Taego Order in Korea, Mrs. Soon-gyeong Seong. In her invocation, she said:

"I pray that the statues of the Four Great Saints and the Supreme Being unveiled today will light the way through the prestige of their mercy and love and open the path to Heaven...that they will serve as the elixir for all those whose bodies and minds are diseased, and help them recover and become well again, and that they will also be a bright beacon of light for those who are lost and wandering on dark paths of life...."

Unification Church international president, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, said, in his brief address to greet all present, Reverend Moon has taught us that God prepared all the religions to

raise humankind to understand God's mind and heart. He has enshrined the Four Great Saints as part of the Unification tradition." Together with the 172 faith leaders visiting at True Parents' invitation from the United States and other Unification Church representatives, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim led the unveiling of the statues.

The unveiling was reported in a number of news organs in South Korea and MBC NET cable TV included a significant report in their video news. It is true that not all people from the great faiths believe that there is any need for the religions to work together, and not all will be comfortable with the image of the founder of their faith standing arm in arm with the founders of other faiths. Yonhap News Agency's report carried but one response from a Christian church official, who said, "We don't recognize the Unification Church as a traditional faith, so I have no comment to make. There are uncomfortable aspects to this."

Other religious leaders are less concerned about comfort; cooperation among the faiths, they feel, can relieve human suffering. Archbishop George A. Stallings, one of the 172 faith leaders, feels that there is power in the shared values of the faithful and expressed this concern: "The 10 percent that would separate and divide us sometimes prevents the 90 percent that we share in common to unite our efforts to create one family under God."

In 1950, the sudden landing of the UN forces at Incheon on September 15 for the cause of freedom caught the North Korean forces totally by surprise. In this day and age too, it takes courage to take a stand for principles. Erecting these statues in full public view might spark a strong response from those who disapprove of such fraternization. Or, like the Incheon landing sixty-one years before, it may be the perfect impetus for dramatic change. (Please see overleaf for participants' reflections.)



Leaders in front of the statue. The urn was moved to accommodate seating. It holds two continually lit candles, representing True Parents and symbolizing conditions being offered by members.

Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department

After the unveiling of the statues symbolizing the four great saints, various faith leaders wrote reflections about their experiences at the unveiling. True Father requested that the testimonies be included in this issue of *Today's World* and the upcoming issue of the Korean monthly, *Tongil Segye*.

Rev. Delores Harrison, Riverside Church, associate pastor, director of Education, New York City

To see all the religious faiths join together was so amazing. I could see and experience the unity of all the religious leaders there as they prayed. It was the most moving experience of my lifetime. I never dreamed I would experience such a profound oneness of all religions—Buddhist, Confucian, Muslim and Christian.

Rev. William Revely, Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

I am edified by Rev. Hyung-jin Moon's speech. Just like his father, he totally transformed me and made an enormous impact on all that were gathered. Today's event was a profound spiritual experience in which all of us were elevated as faith leaders to understand that God truly is working through all religions. It was so beautiful.

Pastor T. L. Barrett, Chicago

As I was watching the unveiling ceremony, I could see a golden circle form around all the four statues. It was universalizing all of the faith traditions, and it was a powerful spiritual golden energy that was emanating out from the four statues, bringing unity of all the faiths. I experienced myself this magnetic power of the golden spiritual circle immediately transforming everybody in the plaza, even though they didn't understand what had happened. But I felt this golden spiritual power is going to draw humanity together as one, centering on True Parents.

Also this golden circle emanated out from the plaza like a wave that within seconds touched everyone on earth. Even though they don't know what happened, a transformation occurred. That's why I felt an urgent feeling in my heart to rush to the statues after the ceremony was over, and to light a candle so that my family and church would be connected with this holy moment.

Minister Amar Nath Gupta, Hindu Temple, Virginia

To be a part of the 172 clergy was the greatest honor of my life. I am really deeply grateful to True Parents that I could experience all faiths becoming one at the Cheon Bok Gung. I am so grateful he gave his authority to his son, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, because I could truly feel from his speech, and from the ceremony, that the spiritual power to bring all religions together as one centering on True Parents is manifesting before our eyes. As a Hindu leader, I was deeply uplifted by the profound spirituality in the Cheon Bok Gung, and also seeing the statues of the four saints.

I also enjoyed going to the most holy place of the Cheon Bok Gung where all religions are represented and I prayed there and I felt the presence of the spirit of God. I was profoundly moved that Father Moon would have the vision to build a temple for all religions to worship together as one, and that all faith traditions would truly be respected and honored. It was overwhelming, and the vision is now becoming a reality.

Father Fernando Barrios, Pentecostal Church, Houston

After so many years of praying in my own tradition as a Christian, I never really believed that there was any possibility for the different world's religions to become one. In fact, I felt there was no way that we could ever come together. However, today my life was changed. As the other religious leaders were praying, I felt as if it was my own prayer. I truly felt and experienced that they were praying to the same God that I have been praying to. Therefore, on this day our prayers became one. I will testify about this, that all religious leaders must come to experience this kind of profound spiritual transformation.

Rev. Marymarie Carmen Barrios, wife of Father Barrios

I had such an experience of the different religions on this day. I felt I was experiencing the kingdom of heaven. For the first time in my life, I could see the hope of unity, and how impor-

Our church's international president Rev. Hyung-jin Moon explains the meaning of the statue in the context of the Unificationist faith.



tant it is that through all the religions we can bring the world together as one. The walls came down today. I was deeply moved in my heart by the love of God that I felt. I felt Jesus' presence there strongly.

Bishop Michael White, Apostolic Church, Brooklyn, New York City

The scripture has been fulfilled on this day. As it says in the Old Testament, "How good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We saw the different religious bodies coming together. I want to thank True Parents for teaching us this way. From the time when Father Moon revealed to the Christian leaders the messages of Jesus, Mohammed and Confucius from the spirit world, now we see in reality that those messages coming from heaven have now come down to earth and become a living reality before our eyes. The statues were enormously powerful, and I believe that all people will be drawn from all over Korea and the world to come here and worship.

Rev. Tanya Edwards, National Board, ACLC

I really enjoyed being at Cheon Bok Gung. Rev. Hyung-jin Moon's love exemplifies that of Father and Mother Moon. I felt so much warmth and so much an uplifting feeling. The whole thing was filled with so much love. I could feel Jesus' presence there and I felt hope for the path we're walking, that isn't only for Christians but for all of God's children.

Rev. Glenda Phillips-Lee, Coptic Church of Harlem, N. Y. C.

This ceremony was truly anointed by God. I felt the presence of Jesus. The unveiling of the statues, especially of Christ, gave me such a profound feeling that all could be one, as Jesus prayed. When I walked in Cheon Bok Gung I felt that this was the most royal place, the most significant place of royalty of all of human history. I felt the depth of love of Father and Mother Moon coming through Rev. Hyung-jin Moon and his wife as they embraced us. This gave us incredible profound love and anointing. I can feel my ministry is going to be expanding, and this anointing is going to expand to all other places. If I were in Korea, his definitely would be my own church. I would join this church.

Imam Haitham Bundakji, Chairman, Islamic Center of Orange County, California

I just want to thank True Parents from the bottom of my heart. I've never experienced anyone being able embrace Islam and understand Mohammed. I know Father Moon is truly one with God. I'm shocked by the teaching that I'm receiving here. I'm overwhelmed and almost scared because so many things are new and different than what I understood, but I know from being with this movement for many years that if I go forward I will understand if I study. I had a dream that I understood a lot about Father Moon teachings. When I saw the unveiling, the sensitivity toward Islam by displaying the Koran, and the statues of Jesus, Buddha and Confucius, it really confirmed for me this is the work of Allah.

Rev. David Scholet

I felt the gigantic umbrella of God's unity forming over all religions the moment this ceremony began. I felt all faith leaders could come together as one. I felt that somehow everyone



Faith leaders light candles in front of the statues at the conclusion of the event.

could start from their own tradition, whether they were Christian or Hindu or Buddhist or Muslim. They could start from where they're at, and through this Cheon Bok Gung, through the interfaith demonstration, and through the statues we could all start moving together as one. This is a profound movement in history. This oneness will expand to all.

Rev. Adeline Dajuste, Pentecostal Church, Boston

I could feel that Rev. Moon's heart and intention to bring all people together—not just Christians, although he is uniting all Christians—was being realized. I could feel today that he's uniting all the religions of the world and all people of the world to work together for one family under one God.

Elder Donald Watts, Mormon Church, San Francisco

This was inspiring and awesome. I was deeply moved by Rev. Hyung-jin Moon. For many years I've loved and respected Father Moon and believe God called him to bring us all together. I also worried how this movement would go forward in decades to come. Today that worry was taken away when I saw how beautifully, so easily and smoothly, his son conveyed words of love. Our hearts melted.

We are so grateful to you and we congratulate you on your victory not only fulfilling your own mission but having your children take up your mission and fulfill it and expand it.

Dr. Gloria Wright, Methodist pastor, Atlanta, Georgia

(When asked to reflect, she began to cry.)

In 2001 when I first joined ACLC I felt deep in my spirit that Father Moon was right, that he understood God's heart and was truly guiding us according to the truth. I offered the benediction after In-jin nim's sermon at Lovin' Life Ministries. I was uplifted when I came back. Being in the present of her brother, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, I can feel my ministry is going to be much more blessed when I go back. I've seen snapshots of Father Moon's life but never saw it all together as in the museum today. (Dr. Wright started weeping again.)

The ceremony at Cheon Bok Gung truly overwhelmed me. I'm speechless. I can see that all Jesus was talking about is being fulfilled right now. Father and Mother Moon have the courage to do what's right, even though putting Buddha and Jesus and Confucius out there publicly is profoundly startling and shocking. I'm deeply, deeply moved. **GW**

Strategy in a Time of Adversity

An Interview with Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul

On June 26, 1991, eight of our Thai church members were arrested, charged with treason and imprisoned. They were not released on bail until March 1993. Despite their having won acquittal in the original trial and in a trial in the court of appeal, twenty years after their arrest they faced final judgment case in the Supreme Court of Thailand. As was reported in our last issue, on September 1, the ordeal ended when the Supreme Court announced it agreed with the two lower court acquittals. The eight members could breathe freely for the first time in more than two decades. Lek Thaveetermsakul (trained as a medical doctor, he is known affectionately as Dr. Lek) and his wife Vipa Thaveetermsakul, who is from Taiwan, were among the eight. Here is Dr. Lek's story of how God has worked in Thailand during the ongoing ordeal.

Today's World: How certain were you of victory in the Supreme Court hearing on September 1?

Dr. Lek: Even though we expected to win the case, there was always some fear, some lingering doubt among the defendants. We had gone through twelve years of very serious work, fighting to build a strong case, knowing that we might have to take it to appeal or even to the Supreme Court. I had worked on it during those years and I felt our case was very strong. The Supreme Court is dealing only with points of law, not the facts of the case as such, so we knew it was not a matter of additional evidence being brought in. There is always uncertainty as to what is going on behind the scenes, but internally I absolutely believed that we would win at the end, and that it was only a matter of time.

You could have been given the death penalty.

At the time of our arrest, the chief of police had wanted us tried for treason by a military tribunal under martial law. We could have been executed within twenty-four hours had that happened and had we been found guilty.

As you can see in other reports that are circulating, a daily newspaper had attacked us and in the end we responded by bringing a court action against the newspaper. But the newspaper had a cozy relationship with certain factions in the police force, and the police raided us and brought criminal charges, accusing us of betraying our country and seeking to make it a colony of Korea. The charges carried a maximum penalty of death.

You were incarcerated for a long time initially.

From the point of our arrest we were imprisoned during the whole process from the police investigation, to filing of the case with the prosecutors, to the prosecutors bringing the case to the court and to the beginning of the trial itself. The initial trial took twelve years. During that period we had to attend hearings at the court two or three days each month.

If it had not been for clashes in the streets, where rioters shed blood in protest against the military regime in our country, which led to the end of the military government,¹ we might never have been able to get out on bail. We could have been in prison for much longer than we were.

How did you cope with the knowledge that it might be a long time?

Even though we were in prison, we kept faith. Moreover, our core members also kept faith. The core members supported us by visiting us, and with prayer. Through this strong faith and unity, God could protect us.

We did not die or wither away in prison, as has happened to many people. I knew that if I got seriously ill in prison I would probably die, so I kept myself fit through exercise and lifting weights. I had never done weight training before. I actually put on muscle, and when I left the prison² I was ten kilograms heavier than when I went in; but it was muscle, not fat.

¹ Riots began in April 1992, after Mr. Suchinda Kraprayoon, one of two leaders of a 1991 coup d'état, was appointed prime minister. The Thai government estimated sixty people died before Mr. Kraprayoon resigned in May. Outside estimates were as high as three hundred and fifty.

² All eight members were released on bail after twenty-one months.

Lek Thaveetermsakul and Somyot Pipat on their way to a court hearing during their time of incarceration



Were your children fully aware of the situation?

My children first heard about the case quite recently, when they were thirteen or fourteen years old. My wife talked with them. They first heard the full story when I gave a talk about it to a large group of members, and they were present. That was the first time they were able to grasp the situation in full. Although we knew we would win, they were worried. My son came to me and asked if I would have to go to jail. I told him no. But my wife had taken the children aside and spoken with them seriously, preparing their hearts. Although she too knew we must surely win, there is always an element of uncertainty.

On the morning of the final hearing, my son asked me again, "Dad, are you coming back home today?" I said, "Yes, of course. Don't worry." And I said, "Telephone your mother when you finish school in the afternoon."

He didn't wait until after school. Even though children are not allowed to make calls during the daytime, he borrowed a telephone at lunchtime and called his mother as soon as he could. She could tell by his breathing how worried he was as he asked, "Did we win?"

Twenty years seems unbelievably long for a court case.

In the United States, the prosecution cannot appeal an acquittal in a criminal case, as this would place the accused in "double jeopardy."³ But in Thailand, prosecutors can appeal against an acquittal. We had been charged with treason. Prosecutors wanted to prove themselves and were thus willing to push it on and on without regard for the time it took. It was a criminal case. If a prosecutor loses twice, in the first trial and at the court of appeal, the government cannot pursue it further; that is, to the Supreme Court, unless the judge has some doubt on the application of law, or unless the prosecutor can persuade the attorney general to endorse a final appeal to the Supreme Court. Our case was handled by a group of prosecutors who themselves appealed to the attorney general, the nation's top prosecutor. He endorsed the case because it was a matter of national security. In fact, our case was a major case in our country.

The case formally began on June 26, 1991, so it should have lapsed on June 26, 2011, after twenty years. That meant that on June 26, 2011, the charges would be dropped against those who had been charged in the case, but not been arrested and put on trial (True Parents, and some other leaders).

Police Lieutenant General Thaveesak Tuchinda recently became an ambassador for peace. He comes from a well-known and wealthy family which has many medical doctors and famous lawyers. I told him about our case and asked him to check if the charges would actually expire on June 26, 2011 for True Parents, and also to check the progress of our case in the Supreme Court. It is extremely hard to find out the status of a case in progress at this level.

Only someone in the right position could find the way. So in June, Lieutenant General Tuchinda contacted the court secretary, who could check the progress of the case. He testified to the secretary that he could see no danger posed by our movement to the nation; that, moreover, the movement had been doing good things for students, young people, women, the poor, and

³ This means that once a court declares a person "not guilty," of a crime, the government can never try him again for the same crime.



Photos courtesy of Thai Headquarters

Dr. Lek's wife Vipa at the women's prison where she endured separation from her husband and the other members.

so forth; and that the case needed to be concluded as soon as possible, since it has been going on for so long. Not long afterward, we received notification that the hearing would be on September 1.

Could you have been sent back to prison after all this time?

If the court had returned a conviction against us, we could have received long prison sentences because of the severity of the charges. As you may have heard, handcuffs were brought into the court before the judge entered to read the court judgment. The judge who reads the court decision, by the way, does not know what it says. The decision of the judges on the case is in an official, sealed envelope.

My wife asked me to hold her hand. She was still worried about which way the decision would go. Although we knew this day would one day come, facing it in reality was not easy. Apart from the time we met when we were brought into court for a hearing after having been incarcerated in separate prisons for many months, this final courtroom hearing on September 1, was the only time that I had seen my wife in tears.

Despite the enduring threat you faced, the Thai movement has grown. How was that achieved?

Soon after we were released on bail, our lawyer told us that it would be best if I go away to the countryside and keep very quiet for a time. But I told the lawyer that I could not do that. I said we had to move forward, but that I would be sensitive and reasonable in what I was doing and I would inform him of whatever I was going to do.

So we reestablished the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) activities, and with the International Conference on World Peace (ICWP) in Bangkok in 1993, the professors, who were our VIPs, began coming back. They thought we were dead, but we did not die. We resurrected the organization and, one by one, they returned.

With the help of the former Supreme Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Army, General Saiyud Kerdphol, we set up



Police Lieutenant General Thaveesak Tuchinda with Asia UPF director Dr. Chung-sik Yong outside the courthouse

the Foundation for Development and Peace for the purpose of protecting our movement and activities. I asked him to become the chairperson in order to protect PWPA because it was also under attack. At that time, the police were accusing us of brainwashing not only university students but even the university professors! Professors who joined our conferences, or our movement, were being investigated. We then had to reactivate our members, begin quietly witnessing again and restore the financial foundation.

Father launched the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in 1992, so we also initiated WFWP and began building up its activities. True Mother began to do speaking tours.... True Parents did many world speaking tours but were never been able to come to Thailand. Whenever we went to meet Father and Mother, I felt so ashamed in front of them. We put True Parents on trial and they could not be vindicated for so long.

So, although True Mother could not come to Thailand, we organized a Women's Federation rally by ourselves. Twelve hundred people attended.

Based on that, we gradually reactivated CARP activities. WFWP and CARP were cooperating like mother and son. WFWP helped to open the way in the universities, and CARP could then begin doing activities. Archangel-mother-son cooperation.

PWPA, WFWP, CARP—I see...

In that way, we could break through in the schools and universities again. Finally, we brought university presidents on a PWPA tour to Korea and even to America to see our movement in those countries. It was as if we were restoring a significant milestone that had happened just before our arrest. In April 1991, one month before our arrests, we had organized a PWPA tour to Japan. Among the participants were many university presidents. One of them was the president of Ramkhamhaeng University, where the 1988 CARP Convention was held. Fortunately, he was on the civilian advisory board that the military government had established. He was one of a number of board members who strongly advised the government that this case should not be heard by a military tribunal. Satan had wanted to kill us through martial law, but he could not. Then, in prison, Satan could not kill us either—after twenty-one months, we were liberated. Next, in the court, over twelve years, they wanted to silence us and have us wither away. During this process, while the church was in court, we were building up our movement. Fortunately, because of True Parents' grace and victory, a new way opened up. They established the Women's



The Youth Federation for World Peace was one of the organizations launched while our members' trial was ongoing.

Federation and then the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Based on the success of PWPA, WFWP and CARP, I decided that there was a foundation upon which the parent organization could come—that is, the Family Federation. So when True Parents established the Family Federation, we did as well, in 1997. Then, through the Family Federation, we successfully held a major Blessing Ceremony and True Parents even appeared on television. We had advertised the Washington DC Blessing Ceremony on television. We held our event simultaneously at night, with the use of satellite broadcast.

For ten years after we lost our first son through a miscarriage, my wife and I had not conceived any children. We had almost lost hope. Then just when we decided to establish the Family Federation, she became pregnant. During the time we were establishing FFWPU, my wife's pregnancy took a serious turn and she had to enter the hospital. She was in intensive care for almost two months. It was a balancing act between the baby's life and it's mother's. Just after the Family Federation was established, my wife gave birth to twin daughters safely, thanks to God's protection and members' prayer. We were very grateful because we thought we were too late. We had lost ten years. God returned the time we had lost by giving us twins.

Then, we began the big blessing campaigns. At that time, one member's parent, who strongly persecuted us and worked with the prosecutors to prosecute us again, went to the largest newspaper. We were preparing for the Blessing Ceremony. We were going to use a live television broadcast, challenging such public exposure even while the case was still in court. This member's parent also began personally attacking Mrs. Kamoltip Payakwichien, the president of WFWP in Thailand, who was helping



The Blessing Ceremony organized by the Thai church in 1997, while the nation's government sought to convict its leaders of treason.

with public relations for the blessing preparations. He used very bad language.

In the newspaper?

No. Calling her at home. Because she was helping me, doing public relations for our movement. He threatened us saying, The day you hold the blessing, you will go to jail; the police will take you to jail. Because the largest newspaper began to write bad things about us, the Bangkok governor, who was going to be the chairperson for the event, backed down. Kamoltip asked her husband's younger brother, who was the governor of the Thailand Tourism Authority, to take his place. Yet we were still under the threat of a police raid on our Blessing Ceremony.

Were you worried that the police would actually come in?

Yes, of course we were worried, both Kamoltip and I. We had sent the other VIPs to join the main Blessing Ceremony in Washington DC. Only she and I remained. She dressed very nicely and carried a small purse with her bankbook in it, so that she could bail herself out if arrested. It was the weekend. If you don't have cash and haven't prepared, you could end up in jail for two days. She was that serious, and that prepared.

The Blessing Ceremony was so beautiful. We had married couples that took part in it, who had come from all over the country—government officers in nice clothing, movie stars and other celebrities—there was no justification for legal action.

We explained to the newspaper that what they were doing was wrong. Kamoltip's husband publishes two big newspapers. They move in media circles and had heard the rumor of a proposed attack on us during the Blessing Ceremony to destroy the event, and that the radio stations were forewarned to be ready for that breaking news. People in the media came to know about Kamoltip's media background, so they did not want to cooperate with the biggest newspaper's plan. We also prepared by having members who knew Wonhwa-do martial arts guard the venue.

But there was no way they could take action against us! Thousands of people participated and all the newspapers put it on the front page the next day. Even the biggest newspaper was silent. We won a great victory. While our case was in court, True Parents were shown on television giving the blessing. That was historic, a turning point for our movement's image. After that, lawyers, engineers, even doctors called and wanted to attend the blessing because we had advertised it.

In 1998, we held another successful Blessing Ceremony, sponsored by the Community Development Department of the Ministry of the Interior. We set up a program with this government department to help strengthen marriage and the family. We gave holy wine to people throughout the nation. We chose exemplary couples from all over the nation to be part of our Blessing Ceremony. It was televised. I went to Alaska and reported about this to True Parents. They were so delighted.

Later, we also inaugurated the Youth Federation for World Peace in Bangkok's UNESCAP⁴ Hall in July 1998. Through YFWP we extended the Pure Love Movement and the blessing to students and young people in 412 high schools, involving about 400,000 students throughout the nation.

Did the success in these Blessing Ceremonies help end the opposition?

Well we became so well known that another attack came, in 1999. This time it was from ITV news television, which was the most powerful medium at that time. They scrutinized our movement and presented their findings as a scoop. Even my

⁴ Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

picture appeared on television. "This person, whose national security case is ongoing, is connected with this Family Federation."

We had to fight back. They weren't willing to stop. An hour-long program was broadcast. They wanted to destroy our image, which we had built up beautifully. So, I asked General Saiyud Kerdphol if he would write them a letter telling them to stop because, for one thing, our case was in the court and the process of justice was ongoing. "Why are you intervening in the process of justice? You are interfering with the court's jurisdiction. If you continue to do so, we will take legal action." Finally, they fell silent.

That television station was a rising star. Yet shortly after this incident, it fell into internal struggles that demolished their organization. It disappeared. It was like judgment.

So you continued moving forward.

After that, we restructured again. We had many organizations such as WFWP, FFWPU, YFWP and PWPA, but all loosely formed without registration. Our VIP's advised us that we needed a strong legal foundation to protect ourselves. So, by the end of 1999, we restructured all our organizations so they were legally incorporated under the umbrella organization of



Church-related groups revived after the release of Thai church leaders. Here, CARP members demonstrate against the spread of pornography.

the Foundation for Development and Peace, which had our top VIPs as committee members. We were thus moving to the national level even while the court case continued. I thought we had to go beyond the national level to win on the national level, as Father was doing. In 2000, Father had spoken of the UN-related providence and spoken at the UN. That was his strategy and that's why I sought to connect to the UN.

From there, we began connecting everything to the UN. We held many conferences such as PWPA ICWP, the IIFWP inaugural conference, a national YFWP Conference, WFWP and a WANGO conference at the UNESCAP Conference Center in Bangkok; we even brought the Family Federation into the UN for the International Day of Families. We started that project early on—held it once, twice, three times until finally it was so big that the director of UNESCAP, Mr. Hak-su Kim, arguably the number two man at the UN, personally came to our event. We thus received recognition for our conferences at the UN on the International Day of Families.

Then in 2003, we won the court case and were acquitted of



An International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace conference at the UN Conference Center in Bangkok, December 2000; Dr. Lek and the Thai members did their best to serve their nation and region while under duress.

all charges. We had brought Dr. Nicholas Kittrie⁵ to Bangkok to testify in our case. We brought many of VIPs who were close to us to testify, too. Towards the end of the trial, we brought even the former Supreme Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Army, General Saiyud, the former president of the Ramkhamhaeng University, Dr. Pradit Chareonthaithavee, a former senator, professors—all top-level people—and they testified on our behalf.

Winning our case was a major breakthrough. But then, the government decided to appeal.

Did you know they would do that?

Yes. But anyway, we just kept building up our movement. We had won the court case and we kept on going. Every day I thought, When will it finish? For me, though, since I came out of prison, I never wanted to look back, but just look ahead, whether the case was finished or not. We couldn't just fight the case, we also had to move forward.

The foundation you built up over the years after your release from prison surely influenced the outcome of the case.

Actually, I had a personal conversation with Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim, during their visit to Thailand last year. I shared about Thailand's situation. I told them how we had been fighting in the court because they were accusing us as a strange sect, even one politically motivated like communists. We were trying to defend ourselves by saying (and showing) that we were a genuine religion, and that we had the basic human right of religious freedom; and yet they had not accepted us as a religion.

Our teachings are religious teachings; our motivation is religious motivation. We had no mind to take over the nation for any political reason. That was our basic ground to fight the court case and show our sincere work. How important that is! Without being seen or understood as a genuine religious organization, all of your basic human rights can be taken away.

When the court case began, we tried to get documents, proof that we are a church or religious organization. It was very difficult to show a strong, influential religious foundation to prove that we were a genuine church. Of course, we were registered in America. But that was just a registration. The church foundation in American was under attack; we were still viewed by the

media as a bad sect.

The homeland of our faith is Korea. At that time, in Korea, we were also under attack. Many were against our church, even in the founder's homeland. That's why when Hyung-jin nim emphasized that we are a religious organization, I told him I absolutely understood why he was doing that.

I understood that without a strong foundation, we cannot move on. Of course, Father talks about there being no need for religion in the future, but we are not at that point yet. We have to come back to build that foundation. As a general NGO, our movement doesn't have as strong a foundation as a religious organization. So I understood why Hyung-jin nim has tried to do that. Once the Korean church successfully establishes itself, is accepted by the government, incorporated legally, and accepted by society, it will benefit the church in the whole world.

Even though we have come back to being a religion, the level is different. Before we were working on the unity of Christianity but now we should work as a world religion—Tongilgyo—for the unity of world religions.

If we are viewed as something other than a genuine faith, as happened in Thailand, we can end up in a serious situation.

I told Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim how important I felt their work in Korea is. Without that, all our churches in the world will suffer. It's very difficult to be recognized. If we have a strong foundation in Korea—and in America—the whole world can turn around.

They are not just thinking about Korea. They are thinking about the providence as a whole. **TW**



Lek and Vipha Thaveetermsakul with their children

⁵ Dr. Nicholas Kittrie is an expert in international public and criminal law who has been an advisor to the U.S. government on various issues. He is president of PWPA-USA.

A Tale of Resurrection

The Taiwanese members have won the respect of a once hostile government.

Each year, over a ten-year period, the Unification Church in Taiwan had been recognized by the Taiwanese government's Ministry of the Interior for its contributions to Taiwanese society. On the basis of that consistent effort to serve society, this year, the church in Taiwan received a special award for excellence from the prime minister on behalf of the president. In the past, this special award has been won by well-established religious groups, such as various Buddhist organizations, but this time the Unification Church, which has but a brief history in Taiwan, was chosen to receive it.

Rev. Chong-sik Yong, Asia continental director, reported to True Parents, "The Unification Church in Taiwan... received this special award from the prime minister, James Chong-tay Hsueh, on September 5, at an event commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Taiwan."

We have achieved many successes in the Taiwanese church; in particular our foundation in society, established through the Pure Love Movement and our Ideal Family Campaign, is recognized by the government and other social organizations. Thus, we are making significant contributions to our society and nation. Taiwanese President Ying-Jeou Ma has attended our events and has even given congratulatory remarks. This shows that UPF, through which our work for peace is carried out, has become well-rooted as an organization and is recognized by the government and other NGOs. I believe we were able to receive the special award for excellence thanks to the victorious fortune and work of True Parents on both the physical and spiritual levels.

We have a number of church-related NGOs that have been making a contribution to society over the past ten years, through social activities. These include giving tuition to needy children after school and advocating purity

through comic skits at schools around the country (Pure Love Alliance), carrying out an anti-drug-abuse and AIDS prevention campaign in schools nationwide and through a web site and empowering women through education (WFWP), convening national and international seminars on social issues (UPF, PWPA), holding a Pure Love Campaign (FFWPU), and holding the Mister and Miss University Beauty Pageant (International and Cultural Educational Foundation, CARP).

The Ministry of the Interior understands these NGOs are church-related. The church is of course witnessing in order to find new members, but the social organizations (NGOs) are basically applying the principle of living for the sake of others. All the board members in various NGOs understand our background as Unificationists, and most of them try to understand us through attending a Divine Principle workshop or weekly lectures. In general, the various board members are supportive over what we have done for society.

The Unification Church movement began in Taiwan when True Father established the holy ground here on September 28, 1965. In June 1967, a Japanese missionary came to pioneer the nation. In 1975, however, the church was banned by the government from carrying out any activities in part because of the absence of Unification Church members from their respective schools. During the sixteen years of our prohibition, we had inexpressible difficulties, because we could not hold any kind of meeting, let alone go out witnessing publicly. The members did not give up, however.

Finally, in 1990, we received the government's approval to carry out church activities again. We are free to testify to the world about True Parents and carry out activities in the open, and we are truly grateful and delighted for being able to do so. *STW*



Left: Marking the 100th anniversary of Taiwan, Taiwanese vice premier Sean Chen presents Taiwan national leader Rev. Ker-shung Lee with an award for our church movement's contributions to Taiwanese society. **Right:** The Pure Love Alliance in Taiwan promotes pure love and the prevention of domestic violence and the use of drugs by performing comic skits in schools throughout the country. Two million students have been reached through this effort.

Working with Dae-mo Nim



Photos courtesy of Cheongpyeong office

Rev. Young-ho Ha is the director of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center in Korea. As such, he works closely with Dae-mo nim as an administrator. We wanted to know something of his impressions of her as a person, in the context of her work to support True Parents. The following is what he told us.

Today's World: Is Dae-mo nim here, in Cheongpyeong, at the moment?

Rev. Young-ho Ha: The dedication ceremony for the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel will take place on 8.15 by the heavenly calendar [September 12]. Dae-mo nim went to set up conditions for the dedication. She went to three cities and some other areas in the southern part of the peninsula to straighten out some spiritual matters to help ensure that this dedication, which True Parents are overseeing, will be a success. She departed two days ago and came back last night. I was amazed she offers these conditions in advance of such events.

Because she had been doing conditions, she hadn't slept for two nights. I spoke to her by telephone and her voice sounded hoarse, as if her throat were swollen.

Does she make many conditions like this?

Yes. When church members are told that a dedication ceremony is going to be held on Geomun Island, we simply go there, prepare an offering donation and attend True Parents for two or three hours at the dedication ceremony. However, Dae-mo nim is preparing the spiritual foundation by getting rid of negative spirits, thus facilitating the offering of the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel; through the absolute, good spirits she prepares for manifestation of True Parents' glory. I believe she prepares in ways even we, as members, are unable to imagine. Yet, she does not go around telling others what she has done. Even if True Parents talk about it, she just smiles and says nothing. That's why people cannot fathom the quality of devotion that Dae-mo nim offers.

There are new developments in Cheongpyeong....

In keeping with preparations for the Day of Origin,¹ Dae-mo nim has been preparing the Cheongshim Peace World Center. After receiving a permit to build a small sports stadium,² she prepared it for True Parents because they are now elderly and it is not as easy for them to travel or to hold events in unfamiliar venues—such as when Father spoke at the Songdo Convention Center in Incheon. That's why we are preparing a venue where the audio, lighting and atmosphere will be familiar so that True Father can freely deliver the message he has in his heart to blessed members, ambassadors for peace or others. It is a place to which True Parents can invite presidents, parliament members, scholars and economists and freely and assertively speak to them.

1 *Kiwon Jeol*, or D-Day as Father often refers to it: 2013.1.13

2 The Peace World Center can also be used as a concert hall or for events such as Blessing Ceremonies

How big is it?

When Father has events at Cheonjeong Gung, he usually calls 2,000 people, but when the Peace World Center is completed he can invite 25,000 people from Korea and abroad. At a stretch, the Peace World Center can accommodate up to 30,000. So, we are making preparations to shift from 2,000-people events to 20,000- and 30,000-people events.

I could see that Dae-mo nim's preparations were in line with True Father's international stature. It usually takes four or five years to complete a building that size. If True Father had said we would need to build a building because of a particular event, it would take five years to complete, including time for obtaining the building permit. If we had waited for Father's instructions, that providence would have passed us by. Thus, in preparation for the Day of Origin, Dae-mo nim began construction even before True Father said anything. She prepared this for the Day of Origin event so that True Father could conduct the global providence on a larger scale. I believe such things are possible because of the unity and cooperation between the spiritual and physical worlds. I believe Dae-mo nim is able to prepare because she goes spiritually to a higher place and looks far ahead.

We will have the dedication ceremony for the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel. I think she saw in the spirit world what would transpire in Yeosu and on Geomun Island and what True Father is preparing.

Could you say a something about Dae-mo nim's personality and heart, given that you have worked closely with her on a daily basis for some years?

She understands me better than my own mother does. My mother gave birth to me, raised me and educated me. You would think she would know me better than anybody else does. Yet, I feel Dae-mo nim understands me and knows me better.

If I reflect on the dream my mother had for me and the effort she made so that I could fulfill that dream, I can say that Dae-mo nim, even more than that, encourages me to have a big providential dream and to fulfill that dream. Once Dae-mo nim told me that I should be able to go higher than she and see farther than she, so that I can think about the way Cheongpyeong should go and what it should do for True Parents, and that I should then plan and prepare to carry out these things. Hearing those words of blessing, I felt that she was guiding me with greater love than my own parents.

I cannot imagine my rising higher or being able to see farther than Dae-mo nim does. Yet, she blessed me with those

words. It is like True Parents' love that expresses the desire for their children to be better than they are. We should allow those below us to rise higher than we are, to look farther, to broaden God and True Parents' path so that their glory can manifest. Without the heart of a parent, you would not be able to say this.

Whenever I face a great challenge in my line of work, she tells me that my brain resembles God's. God has creativity; in the same way, my brain also has creativity. God is all-knowing and all-powerful. She says that in the same way, we have these qualities in our heads. Just as God is omniscient and omnipotent, we are given God's creativity and power. That is all inside our heads.

Dae-mo nim added that when I confront a certain fact, I should look above and below it, look to its right and left, look at what lies in front and behind it, to turn it upside down and look what is inside and outside of that fact. She said that then I will find an answer; I can figure it out with my head.

Dae-mo nim has faith in me and faith that since I resemble God, if God says that I can do something, I can do it. She has faith in me and waits for me. A woman gives birth to a child and raises him to resemble his father. Dae-mo nim truly believes that we resemble God and are capable of manifesting God's glory. She has faith in our ability and waits for us until the end.

After accomplishing something, she is so humble. What she also says is that after the flood judgment instead of thinking he had done everything himself, Noah should have thought that God had achieved it all. Everything from building the ark, successfully carrying out the flood judgment and settling on land were part of God's amazing grace and work. If Noah had praised God's glory, he would not have failed. He would not have experienced Ham's failure. Yet, Noah believed that he had done it all. This is what Noah said to Dae-mo nim when she met him.

Thus, all of Dae-mo nim's work is done by God and by True Parents. There is no mention of Dae-mo nim or Hoon-mo nim. It is all God's work. True Parents accomplished it all. Her name is not mentioned. She explains that she is just a vessel through which God and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are working. When I see her teaching us to be humble like this, it comes to my mind that Dae-mo nim is carrying out the work of the motherly aspect of God, the Holy Spirit, as it were. I feel that world of heart. Inside I exclaim, "Oh! How does she keep this up?"

Once there was a two-day workshop for developing the husband-wife relationship. I was meant to attend that workshop but to be on time I would have to leave during Dae-mo nim's speech at the training center. So I was in a dilemma: I should go; yet I could not. But Dae-mo nim said "I'll take care of the training session here, so don't worry. You can go to that workshop." Even though she said this, I still felt that I couldn't go, so I remained behind.

When Dae-mo nim entered the small chapel to speak to the trainees, I usually sit beside her. She entered the room first and just as I was about to follow her inside, she stopped and told me that she would not go onstage until I left. She said please go quickly. There was nothing left to do but follow. I watched her go up onto the stage, then I went out to the parking lot to leave. I wept for a short time. It was as if she had taken up her cross yet allowed me to receive further education so that I might do greater things in the future. I realized this was how Dae-mo nim showed her love to raise future leaders.

At the same time, she makes sure we do not lose our good judgment. Once, I left the office five minutes before the end

of office hours. Dae-mo nim had given each staff member a plot of earth in the hopes that we would do some farming, plant some vegetables. At that time, the first frost had already come so much of the cabbage we had planted had withered. We should have harvested it earlier. If I had left at 6:00 PM, the usual end of the workday, it might have become too dark to see the cabbages and to decide which to leave in the ground and which to dig up. So I left five minutes early.

I dug up the cabbages, wrapped them in newspaper and put them in a plastic bag. While walking with the bag of cabbages, I felt what seemed like wind blowing against my hip. Then I felt pain, as if I was being whipped. I collapsed to the ground. I couldn't stand up. I sat there for a while and then I picked up the cabbages, placed them in my car and drove home.

After arriving home, I asked my wife to take the cabbages, and then I went into the house with my wife supporting me. I lay down but couldn't move. I was in pain. I couldn't get up but had to lie on my back. I applied some salt and an ice pack to my hip and tried all kinds of treatments, but I couldn't move. The affliction remained.

Morning arrived. At a little past 9:00 AM, I took a taxi to the training center because I couldn't drive. Dae-mo nim, who was just then in the Korean office, saw me coming in. She asked me why I was arriving at that time. (She already knew. She knew my predicament but asked me anyway.)

She told me that the owner should be the first in the office even if he has pain in his hip and has to crawl to work. Then she scolded me for arriving late. She told me to go to the lunch *chanyang yeoksa*³ session to get rid of the spirits.

A little later, I entered the hall to work on getting rid of the spirits as she had instructed. Later, Dae-mo nim removed the spirit and I became well. I think this happened to me because even though I was the person in charge who should have set the example, I had left work five minutes early. If I hadn't been the person in charge she might not have scolded me so severely. However, Dae-mo nim was strongly reproaching me for stopping work early, no matter by how few minutes.

Dae-mo nim is also very strict when it comes to managing public money, which members have offered despite their difficult circumstances. She once scolded me severely for spending ₩500,000 for Korean corn as a snack for second-generation middle school aged members from Japan. I had thought they would like Korean corn, but they didn't! I found many half-eaten cobs of corn in garbage bags. Because of my misjudgment, I had spent ₩500,000 when ₩250,000 would have been enough.

You cannot imagine how much Dae-mo nim scolded me for that. This happened about ten years ago. The incident still reminds me of how careful we should be in using public money.

These one-time incidents are embedded in my heart. I have been supporting Dae-mo nim for thirteen years, and I always tell myself that I must be strict on time, when to come to work and when to leave, and about using public money. For Dae-mo nim these might have been small incidents, but she took them as an opportunity to teach strong lessons!

Like a mother, Dae-mo nim knows our individual characteristics and thinks about what vision, what goals, we should have. She gives us educational opportunities to receive the continuous education we need. Moreover, Dae-mo nim gives us her unreserved encouragement so that we believe in ourselves and can develop our own abilities. And then she waits patiently for us to do so. **STW**

³ In English, a holy song session.

Outlook on Eternal Love

Annie Gagne wrote the following as an e-mail to Home Harbor Inn (HHI), a Unificationist discussion list (listserv) and online community of faith for church members in different countries. The subject line was "Nurturing love." Annie kindly consented to our reproducing her words (with minor edits) in these pages.

This December is the tenth year since my husband's passing. We went through difficult times in our marriage, as I'm sure all marriages go through. We also had many wonderful times. When we first got matched in 1979, we didn't really like each other. We could have started family after the 1982 blessing, but we still didn't care for each other.

When we finally started family three years later, we felt excitement in our relationship. Perhaps we had fallen in love with each other. Then the children came and we grew apart because of raising them and our missions. Then we hit a brick wall where we almost got divorced when our children were ten and nine years old.

Because of this major struggle, I decided to stop my mission and focus on my family. I read books on how to win my husband's heart and applied it to our relationship. I wanted to save my marriage for my children's sake and for God. He felt the same way. Because of this, we were able to open our hearts and share the most intimate things we had never shared before. We came to understand each other and came to love each other again. We did not "fall in love" with each other as when we first started our family but developed a very mature, respectful and caring love.

About a week before he passed away, we had a discussion that seemed to finally close the door on the past—we finally accepted that we were meant for each other. It was a long climb and a lot of heartache, but we finally concluded this. He ascended suddenly eight days later.

I cannot tell you how very grateful I am that we had that discussion before he passed away. If we hadn't, there would have been SO many regrets in my heart, even until today—ten years later.

I beg all of you to really try to communicate with your spouses and try to bring love into your marriages. It probably means meeting your spouse 90 percent of the way. I remember talking to one sister who's husband ascended a few years before mine. They had two children together. I was sorry for all the resentment she had toward her husband. She couldn't talk about him without getting angry—every time! How difficult life must be for her. I also think how difficult life must be for him in the spirit world—with no loving prayers coming his way to raise him up!



Photos courtesy of Annie Gagne

Ed and Annie Gagne with their children in 2001, the year he ascended. Annie is from Guam.

And, yes, my husband comes to me in dreams and we do make love. But the deepest feelings I've had with him in my dreams is not when we were making love, but when he was holding me in his arms and there is this spiritual union and oneness with him in every cell of my body. It is like being totally cherished, content and happy with the universe—I suppose this is what it is like to be totally one with God! It is a deeply beautiful feeling.

I've shared with a few sisters who haven't had a physical relationship with their husbands—for years! I just cannot imagine that. God wants to be there in the most intimate bond between husband and wife.

I do want to point out that my relationship with my husband is not always so connected. Just like when he was here in the physical world, I have to nurture our relationship. If I don't think of him often, I feel distant from him. So, it is still a lot of work to keep our marriage going.

Thank you for reading if you got this far. Please don't give up on your marriage—nurture it. Find a way to build respect and love.

God bless, Annie *SW*

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Faith, Love and Good Spirits

By Elizabeth Marshall

My husband was born on September 7, 1919. He is almost the same age as our True Father, and like our True Father he loved everyone absolutely unconditionally. He volunteered for hostilities only in the Royal Navy in World War II. He was an able seaman and his job was mine sweeping.

I was brought up in a hospital for nine years because I had polio when I was two, and both my parents were unwell. They regularly came to visit and I went home for weekends. Thereafter I was brought up at a Catholic convent for six years where I fervently prayed to Jesus to help me to be a good person. I was to receive an answer to this prayer.

I was very reserved, so my nature was the opposite of my husband's. We met when I was only twenty years old and he was forty-seven. His mother and wife had just recently died. He was a wonderful person.

We met the church together just before the birth of our second son and subsequently attended the Blessing Ceremony of 360,000 couples in Scotland, thanks to the help of our spiritual mother, our church leader and my own family. We went to Divine Principle lectures together and attended Sunday service regularly. We even had Sunday service in our house for six months at one point. We attended the twenty-one-day blessed wives' workshop and ten-day blessed husbands' workshops in Poland. Because of my husband's age, we could stay together through both workshops. We grew much closer together during their course.



Scottish couple: Jimmy and Elizabeth Marshall

He passed into the spirit world three years ago at the age of eighty-nine but is still working to help our beloved True Parents.

My husband and I regularly went to interfaith events together and also to mosques, Sikh temples and Hindu temples, getting to know the local religious leaders. He was well liked as he regularly declared, "I love yis all." I put this on his grave-stone as his epitaph. I learned from his happy nature how to take care of people.

I cannot do anything without constant prayer conditions, communicating with God every day, just like I have done since I was eleven years old. I wondered how I would manage without him as his love for people far exceeded mine but I needn't have worried. Recently in Edinburgh I attended the city's international Festival of Spirituality and Peace, which runs for about three weeks. I took True Father's autobiography to all the speakers.

I felt my husband's presence and his loving heart reaching out to them all as I was speaking to them.

We have regular prayer meetings in our house. Recently we started reading Divine Principle together. Last week there were eight of us present, and after I had been reading the Divine Principle aloud, my grandfather appeared to me in the evening and was very pleased. Twenty-five years ago when I was reading Divine Principle, my grandmother appeared to me and we were talking about God, although she can't speak English and I can't speak German. In the spirit world you speak with your mind.

In the run up to February 13, 2013, the spirit world is very active as True Parents are desperately trying to guide and save all of humankind. God bless you all. **EW**



Elizabeth hosts a holy wine ceremony for local contacts

