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# Who on Earth Is the Messiah?



*Hyung-jin nim recently spoke to Today's World about True Parents and our relationship to them from a Christological perspective. He expressed the following thoughts at the Hannam-dong residence in Seoul on May 15.*

**W**e have been wrestling through Christological issues. What kind of being is Christ? Also, what kind of beings are the first, second and third Adams—Adam, Jesus and True Parents? What you might call Adamology! How was God, or how is God, using them differently than He does you or I?

And if I am praying and I do conditions and receive some kind of revelation from God that guides me in a certain direction or to take on a new mission (whatever I've been praying about) and I get a real confirmation and I feel God is guiding me, what is the nature of that communication? Is that God Himself? That's a very important question.

Historical, Christian Trinitarian formulations rely on ontological<sup>1</sup> categories borrowed from Greek philosophy and use such terms as "essencia" [essence] or "substantia" [substance]. They say that from the essence of God-the-Father proceeds the Son, and that because he proceeds from the essence and he is of the same essence—of the same substance—that the Father and the Son are actually the same. They are identical in terms of their being the same substance and essence.

However, unintended theological problems arise from this union of Biblical faith and experience and Greek philosophy. These issues include ditheism, or tritheism.<sup>2</sup> Christianity has been accused of believing in two Gods and then adding the Holy Spirit to that. Most contemporary critical theologians have recognized the problem of using words such as "essence" and "substance," because as conceptual metaphors, they are inadequate to explain the nature of God and may even further conceal God's real nature. Put in other words, a substantialist or essentialist ontology does not best accommodate the doctrine of the Trinity—the affirmation that God is both three and one; that is, the three persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit of the one God.

I concentrated my studies in this area near the end of my time at Harvard. I was interested to compare with Hwa-yen Buddhism,<sup>3</sup> which had a particular trinitarian formulation, with two bodhisattvas<sup>4</sup>—the bodhisattva manjushri and the bodhisattva samantab-

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1 Related to or based on concepts of existence

2 The belief in two equally powerful gods (ditheism) or that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit were distinct Gods (tritheism)

3 Literally, "flower garland," a Chinese interpretation of Indian Buddhist doctrines developed in the seventh and eighth centuries

4 One that refrains from entering nirvana in order to save others; a deity to some branches of Buddhism



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department

Under True Parents' direction, thousands of Korean members are receiving five cycles of the Original Substance of Divine Principle workshops at the Central Training Center outside Seoul. It runs from May 17 to June 16. On April 25, True Father explained, "The workshop I want to have now is not like the existing workshops. This will be a special workshop. I need to provide a workshop again, for thirty days, to draw a conclusion at the time when the substance can be completed. I will educate tribal Messiahs from all over the world.... Education on the Original Substance of the Divine Principle, in which tribal messiahs are to succeed the second Messiah as his substitutes, will be the last education. This will be the final mobilization. So this education won't finish with those mobilized to participate this time." A major purpose of the workshop is to train members to give the OSDP lectures.

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**Cover Photo:** True Father speaks at the Cheongshim Peace World Center on May 18 at the official opening of the thirty-day OSDP workshop (see also top of this page); **Back Cover:** True Parents in a field near the newly opened Cheongshim Peace World Center

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# Returning to the Point before the Fall

*These excerpts are drawn  
from what Father said  
at hoondokhae on 2.8 at  
Cheon Jeong Peace Palace.*

**I**t is the last day of February. As we reach this last day, we need to remember yesterday, the day of the declaration of the completion, perfection and settlement of the beginning and ending points of God, the starting and ending points of the motive and the particulars of the Fall, and the beginning and the ending of the completion of the ideal envisaged at the time of the Creation as recorded in the textbooks and teaching materials left by True Parents.

But the textbooks and teaching materials are more than that. The representatives who attended the Citizen's Rally to Support the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind<sup>1</sup> also need to receive these textbooks. From that day on, the textbooks and teaching materials need to be passed on to everyone as a unified family centered on God, based on the completion, perfection and conclusion of the world of the ideal of Creation, which goes beyond the standard of tribal messiahs and nations. And those representatives need to be in a state of mind-body unity. You should know that your families need to inherit and uphold as a tradition the victorious supremacy achieved by True Parents, because only then can the path of wisdom to the world of eternal life be connected. This is an important day.

Please look. You have the first and second volumes of this book.<sup>2</sup> We have the same textbooks and teaching materials. On every page of the first and second volumes, I have personally written words that serve as a reference in perfecting and completing my work.

1 January 8–15, 2012 through eight Korean cities

2 In some reproductions of Father's "Cosmic Assembly" speech, Father's own hand-written corrections are included. Father keeps copies of this speech with him during hoondokhae.



You can find tens, even hundreds of additions on just one page. The third volume, however, is clean and untouched, because there is nothing to be added. There is nothing in here that you need to change, not even a word.

Right after the creation of heaven and earth, the Creator was not perfect. We speak of the God of Night and the God of Day, but there is no night or day for God. Have you ever heard that He works only during the day and rests at night?

Mother and I have an age difference of twenty-three years, but had to be born at the same hour of the same day. We were born on the same day, lived in the same manner and married on the same day. It may be that we leave the world on the same day as well. We are completely united as one body. There should not be anyone whose body and mind are divided and in conflict.

There were never to be 286 surnames in Korea; there was only meant to be the relationship of father and children centered on God.<sup>3</sup> The substantial True Parents have liberated and freed the God of Night and the God of Day... The actual Creator was divided into Night and Day, and everything in the middle has been split up. Thus, there is no unified world of harmonious communication...

It is not about the first heaven or the second heaven. The Apostle Paul went across the mountains and the seas and offered devotions for fourteen years. Why did he do that? He spoke of the third heaven,<sup>4</sup> which is the place of the perfection and completion of liberation, but he himself could not go to that place. Even now, he cannot go there because he is tied to the history of restoration through indemnity on earth. Together with True Parents, the God of Night and the God of Day, our Creator, was lost.

There have been no traditions. We knew neither the ideal of creation nor the Principle of Creation. There has been no tradition of the Principle. We need to be united on the basis of traditions. True Father's sperm and True Mother's ovum come together; their meeting point is the eternal kingdom of heaven, which is a high and level land we can reach only after we have reached a summit. There, Lucifer does not exist. There is neither the Fall, nor the history of the salvation of humankind in exile. Of the many religions, Buddhism speaks of achieving deliverance through one's own efforts, but it is unknown to us. No one has ever achieved it.

Why did Jesus come? To bring rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. If God had remained the eternal subject-partner of creation, the world would not have become what it is today. Satan's fallen bloodline was planted between the mind and the body. Nothing came under the Principle's law of indemnity, and [solving] it was a task that neither the Creator nor Lucifer knew about. Such things as repentance or salvation could not be found. How were we to overcome that crisis? Not even God could do that. Neither the God of Night nor the God of Day could. We were exiled. Who took responsibility for this? It was Mr. Moon....

The sons and daughters that divided into the 286 surnames all became self-centered and said, "I am the best. Our family should be at the center." They did not wake up from their world of dreams. Yong Myung<sup>5</sup> Moon is the one who finally enlightened others about this....

I stepped forward with the power of the common good on my side and fought against groups formed in the name of war

3 That is to say, we were originally meant to be all one family.

4 II Cor 12:2: "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows."

5 Father's name at birth

and conflict. All those who came after me behaved as enemies. They all said, Catch and do away with Yong Myung Moon, but not one of them succeeded in chasing me away.

Do you know that I sat and rode on the back of China, Japan, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and France and declared the movement to breaking through at the grassroots level (통반격파 *tong-ban gyeokpa*)? Who can break through at the grassroots level? The Federation for Victory over Communism defeated communism. Rather than branding the enemy as the enemy and burying it, the world of the enemy—the Devil, Satan—was brought to complete submission and liberated on March 21, 1999.

Lucifer had become the ancestor of humankind. The middle syllable of the name Lucifer is not *shi* (시) but *sshi* (씨), meaning seed). We received Satan's blood. We became Lucifer's fruit. The three archangels were Lucifer, Gabriel and Michael. Lucifer was the central archangel. He created the devil's tradition and planted the devil's seeds. Those seeds didn't die. They occupied the world and all of heaven and earth, and the God of Night and the God of Day, the Creator, was lost. How can we reveal the terrible original basis of the Fall? It is not in the Principle of Creation. What caused this? What is the Fall? ...

Do we say "vertical and horizontal" or "horizontal and vertical"? What comes first? When we say mind and body, what comes first? The vertical element does. The body is horizontal. Who determined this? It wasn't me. When it comes to the God of Night and the God of Day, the ancestors who can be the origin of history and the basis that can be the origin of the family of humanity are vertical and horizontal. When we talk about history, what world do we say we live in? Buddhism speaks of deliverance, doesn't it? You cannot say, "I don't need the vertical or the horizontal aspects of life." If you didn't know that vertical and horizontal aspects exist, could you achieve deliverance without God? It would remain a dream even after a million years. It is all a big lie. How can what is horizontal lead to deliverance from worldly ties without the vertical elements? When you level the ground for a house, you follow the standard of the perpendicular. You center on the vertical standard; that is your focus....

A mother and the father are like two hands. The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are centered on people. They are the Parents of Heaven and Earth in that they are the parents of the people in heaven and on earth. They have expanded to the Cosmic Realm of the Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. When was the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self? It was 5. 27.<sup>6</sup> It was July 8<sup>7</sup>....

God is the subject partner, and so He is "plus." But if there is no corresponding being, He would disappear.<sup>8</sup> When you consider this fact, you can see that when perfected parents appear on earth, they become the perfected Parents of Heaven and Earth, but if the parents on earth cannot be established, heaven and earth are lost....

The seven great religions need to serve the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. If our original ancestors had not eaten the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden, they would not have died. Once you eat that fruit, that world will be wiped away by your action. Therefore, textbooks and teaching materials need to be made

6 Fifth month, twenty-seventh day of the heavenly calendar

7 The original event was held on that date in 2010 at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace in Korea. Father has given the speech from that event on many subsequent occasions.

8 In the sense that God cannot manifest substantially without an object partner for His love.

so that people can learn to remain the chosen ones who will not eat that fruit. That is my ideology, and the crux of my life, which has gone in one direction. You should not forget that...

The traditional textbooks and teaching materials I am leaving behind should cover not only the era of indemnification but also the conclusion of the era of the completion of restoration. If you don't remain focused on this path, you can go astray at any moment. I don't want to say such things before I go, but I am saying them because a problem could arise in the present. I am walking toward that world, so I don't have much time to spend with you. Therefore, you need to register yourselves in the family register as quickly as possible....

No holy son was from the West. They are from the East. The first holy son who came was Jesus, and which nation did he come to? He came to find Yong Myung Moon in Korea, our liberated homeland. He built and crossed the bridge to find me, Sun Myung Moon. I came to know Jesus at the age of seventeen.<sup>9</sup>

In the middle of the night, out of the blue, the words came to me, "Do you know that the God of Night and the God of Day are divided?"

"Yes, I do." ...

God does not have a borderline between night and day. I disregard the border between night and day in living my life. I never sleep because it is dawn or day or night. Other people in the world distinguish between night and day and go to bed at the appropriate time, but I am responsible for watching over the actions of the God of Night and God of Day, be it night or day....

The twelve tribes need to become one brotherhood. Rebirth, resurrection and eternal life are an amazing discovery. I am the very person who explained flawlessly the principle, known to Christianity, that our ancestors are fallen ancestors. Though billions of people are in the spirit world, of all the people in heaven and on earth just one man and one woman chased away the owner, the Creator. They failed to become the True Parents, who were meant to go to the Creator's place, liberate the God of Night and the God of Day and become the owners centered on that sovereignty. They were unable to become True Parents and instead became the false parents, and that is what

<sup>9</sup> Several times over the past two years, Father has spoken of an encounter with Jesus when he was seventeen years old. It is generally believed that Father first met Jesus in 1935, so the encounter Father is referring to here may be a later one.

has brought all this about.

This is why the day when True Parents appear, all humanity will live in the Garden of Eden and serve the absolute God, that is, the God of Night and the God of Day united as one being, the victor in substance. God said that they would surely die if they ate of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden, but they went ahead anyway. They destroyed even the position of the Creator of all heaven and earth, because Adam's wife opened the door and let Lucifer in. Moreover, she seduced Adam to fall and thus ruined him as well. The one who opened the door to first love at the outset was Lucifer. Lucifer was the one who played that game.

No one knew how to right this wrong. The God of Night and the God of Day dug a bottomless pit in the middle of it all, and that pit is the realm of death. We were wrongly born in that pit from the wrong bloodline. This pit exists in our body and mind, and it is the pit of conflict that causes us to fight. How can an older brother kill his younger brother?

In the principle by which God created, not even a shadow or a trace of such a path can be found. No matter how much people studied, they failed to discover definitively what the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is and that you would die when you ate that fruit. The fruit exists as an internal and an external fruit; the internal fruit is the fruit of the sperm that is deeply embedded in the father's bone marrow, and the external fruit is the fruit of the ovum that is embedded in the mother's bones. In the midst of all this, a pit was dug and both died. In other words, both fell.

In relation to the Principle of Creation, neither God nor Adam and Eve had thought about this. Then how did this man, Yong Myung Moon, come to discover, in this historic time, what the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil is? I am respectful of principles and rules....

The establishment of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind refers to establishment in substance. It is the settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. The True Parents are the substantial beings who have settled. The proclamation of the word, carried out by the substantial True Parents who have settled, is not just done on earth. There is the spirit world, the heavenly realms. It is the proclamation of the word through God's substance. **TW**



The day before the 2012 Yeosu Expo opened, True Parents were guests of Expo Organizing Committee Chairman Dong-suk Kang; True Parents invested over many years in the Yeosu Project. Its many new facilities helped the city win the right to host the Expo.

# Creating a Base for Global Operations

*This is the fortieth installment in our series on Father's life, which is based on (but not limited to) the book series, True Parents' Life Course, which was compiled from Father's speeches and published in Korean. In this installment True Parents move from Korea to the United States. This move launches the third global tour, during the course of which True Parents visited fifteen countries and initiate some bold outreach strategies.*

**T**o lay the foundation for the restoration of the family, I have driven everyone out of their homes to go witnessing for three years. I told everyone to experience suffering. So 1971 was the year our course began on the global level....

What is the purpose of this third world tour? It's to establish ourselves in the United States and to make a financial foundation. Nowadays, we need money. If a man has money, he can do anything. The question is, How can we make money? I plan to resolve financial problems with the help of our Japanese members.

We are on our third tour. You may not be aware of this, but I am making plans on a global scale. Until now, I have tried to save Korean Christians, but from now on, I will try to save Christians around the world and in America. Therefore, we need to approach this work from a new angle and continue our work in a new direction. We need to prepare to carry out international activities. To do that, we need considerable resources.

So during this tour I have the mission to establish mission headquarters in at least forty countries before I return. You have to know that it is the mission of the Unification Church family to establish mission headquarters in more than 120 countries within a few years.<sup>1</sup>

## Parting words to Korean members

The first thing that you must do while I'm away this time is unite and pray. In the same way that I prayed for this country and her people, because I'm not here, you also have to protect the country in my place. I want you to hold prayer vigils. I want you to unite internally and externally and pray together for the day to come when North Korea and South Korea can unite.

The second thing I want is for you to publicize our church. Make sure that no one in Korea doesn't know about the Unification Church. Originally, the work should have been done with the support of other religious groups, but because this hasn't come to pass, we have to take on the added burden and accomplish it. Also the witnessing members on the front line haven't become one with their local church leaders. ....

Some of you are too busy blowing your own horn and bent on self-promotion. You give

<sup>1</sup> Father sent out missionaries to 120 countries early in 1975.



Photos courtesy of the Korean History Committee

**Father and Mother moved to the United States in the final weeks of 1971. In early 1972 Father spoke publicly in the West for the first time, in the U.S., the United Kingdom, and Germany.**

me a headache. A truly devoted son or daughter would not say such things. Even though he accepts his own portion of responsibility without a word, he still has the attitude that he cannot raise his face in front of his parents because he is inadequate. Without such an attitude, you cannot be a devoted child. Of course, you are not qualified to be a patriot unless you can be a devoted son or daughter first....

In the Unification Church, we are trying to be this way. The world regards us as heretical now, but the day will come when people won't be able to say anything critical of our church. On that day, the Unification Church will be lifted up. Knowing this, you have to be serious about the way you live, even for one day. You have to regard your daily life as precious. You should be earnest, and you should walk proudly, going forward step by step.

### Overcoming obstacles at the start

We left Korea for Japan<sup>2</sup> on the day before the government declared a state of emergency.<sup>3</sup> We decided to leave Korea, but we couldn't complete the formalities because it was Sunday. We needed to receive the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Passport Department chief's signature, but we were unable to. Even though it was a Sunday, we needed to depart but we couldn't because we didn't have authorization. We were in difficulty. We had no choice but to wait. Remarkably, we were able to meet the chief thirty minutes before our scheduled departure. That was a miracle wrought by Heaven.

The chief had made plans to go on a picnic with his department staffers to Cheongpyeong Lake, it being a Sunday. He had woken up early in the morning, but he felt so stiff that he didn't feel like going on the picnic. So he called the others and told them he was not feeling well and couldn't come. He got up and began sorting through things because he had nothing better to do. It was then that our people came to see him.

We flew to Japan. However, the visa I had was originally obtained to attend the Asian financial leaders' conference,

2 There were no direct flights from Seoul to Los Angeles at that time, necessitating their going via Japan.

3 Had they not already left, it likely would have prevented their leaving. The government invoked martial law the following year.



**True Parents and entourage boarding the plane at Delhi, India, en route to Bangkok, Thailand, April 17, 1972**

which had ended forty days earlier, unfortunately. Had they inquired into it, I might have encountered some difficulty. I took the chance because I believed that God was watching over me.

As the immigration officials did their work, I stood on one side and studied them. I got a sudden urge to go to one portly official. So I went to him, and found that he spoke Korean very well. I told him I was Mr. Moon from Korea.

He spoke in Korean and he asked, "Oh you are from Korea?"

So I asked him, How do you speak Korean so well? He said he had stayed for a while in Southern Gyeongsang Province. I thought it was a chance that Heaven was giving me. I made a joke by asking him how he spoke Korean better than an actual Korean. "You're not Japanese," I said, "You're Korean."

He said, "Give me your passport," and he stamped it, just like that.

I was going to America, but I had not been able to get a visa, so I had planned to go to Canada and get a U.S. visa there. But a week before leaving, I was told that I couldn't do that. A

### *From Franco Famularo's 1994 thesis on True Parents' visit to Canada in 1971*

Canadian Unificationists lived in a rented row house on Scollard Street that served as the church center. Since there was little space, arrangements were made to reserve a room at the Park Plaza Hotel situated nearby. When Rev. Moon arrived in Toronto, he immediately requested to see the Toronto Unification Church Center. Upon being informed that a room had been reserved at the hotel, he asked for reservations to be canceled and insisted that he and his party stay together with the members. He said, "I want to stay with my family."

Since there was little furniture and no beds, Rev. and Mrs. Moon slept on

foam mattresses which were placed on the floor of a bedroom on the top floor of the row house. Rev. Moon, nevertheless, demonstrated no sign of complaint and did not comment that better arrangements had not been made for him and his party. Instead he sought to put his hosts at ease, since they were rather nervous and shy upon meeting their spiritual leader for the first time.

The first evening, Rev. Moon spent time informally with the members, asking them personal questions such as their age, occupation and length of time in the movement. He also showed his photo album with pictures of his family. Despite having had a long journey, Rev.

Moon spoke with everyone until 2:00 AM about the destiny of Korea and his plans for America.

The Canadian members of the Unification Church had saved their funds and offered Rev. Moon a gift of one thousand dollars. However, after receiving the envelope containing the funds, Rev. Moon commented to those present that they could not afford to give him this money. He then took one thousand dollars from his own resources and returned the envelope with two thousand dollars in it and asked that the funds be used toward furthering the Canadian mission.

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Taking on America with True Father are (left to right) Young-whi Kim, Bong-choon Choi and Bo-hi Pak. The latter two had already worked in the United States for a decade or so by the time True Father moved there and this photo was taken. At right, a sunny picture of True Mother taken during the third world tour.

Korean pastor had received an American visa from the embassy in Canada, and he had disappeared in America and they were looking for him. So they said that they could not allow anyone from Korea to enter Canada. That was the case.

They asked me so many questions that I was held up there for an hour. In the end, they asked me how much money I was carrying. Then they told me that I would not be allowed to stay in America.

I was able to go to Canada on a fourteen-day transit visa and determined to arrange my passage to America from there.

When I went to the American embassy [in Toronto], however, I had more problems to deal with. I applied for a U.S. visa, and they told me to come back in three days. When I went back to see them the ambassador told me that he had been informed not to grant me the entry visa. I asked him, 'Why won't you let me go to America?'

He had no choice but to tell me, "You are not allowed to enter America because records show that you engaged in communist activities in 1967." I asked him to explain when it was that I had supposedly engaged in communist activities.

There were four of us there, and all four of us sent petitions to the U.S. Department of State through American senators, asking "When in 1967 did Mr. Moon ever engage in communist activities?" We also submitted complaints to the embassy, and we created quite a stir there. Our people on the East Coast, the West Coast, and even Washington DC were calling the embassy in Canada, and the embassy then made inquiries to the U.S. State Department. A petition saying that I had never done such a thing was sent to the American embassy in Canada. Under the circumstances, they had to contact the Korean embassy and check whatever information they had about me in Korea,

and in the end it was proven that I was not a communist activist, and that in fact I was a leader in the Victory over Communism movement. That left them speechless.

So, on December 18, I arrived in Washington, DC.

#### The continuing providential course in Korea and Japan

I foresaw the things that are taking place at this time, so I launched the International Federation for Victory over Communism (IFVOC). You have to fight this diplomatic war in your lifetime, otherwise Korea, Japan, China, and America will perish. The people in the American family should be fully aware that our family members in Korea, China, and Japan in the Victory over Communism effort are fighting that battle at the risk of their lives. As you and I know, in order to save Free World, we had a three-day fast here and a seven-day fast in Japan with a demonstration. People criticized that effort, saying we were crazy....



December 18, 1971: True Parents with members at the Toronto airport, about to depart for Washington, DC. This was the day True Parents moved to the U.S.



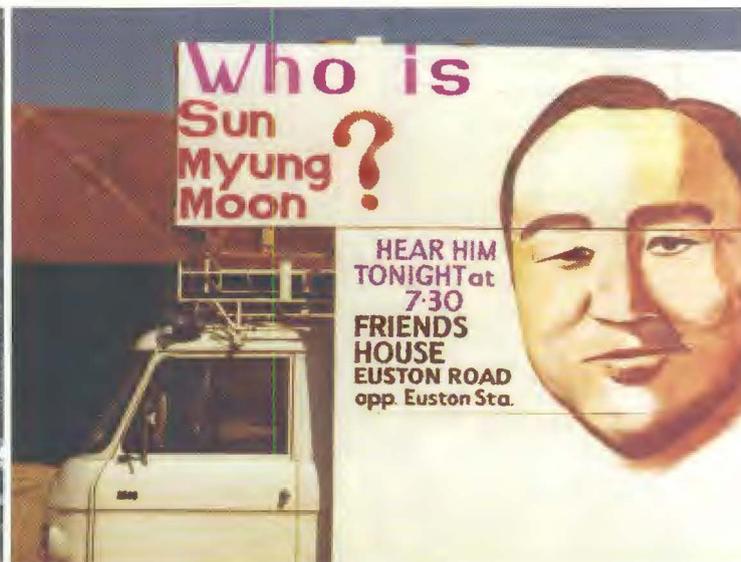
Father spoke in the Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University, Washington, DC, on February 19, 20 and 21. This was the fourth city of his seven-city Day of Hope tour.

In the past there have never been any counterproposals to communism, but now we have one. In Japan and Korea the communists can't touch us, they can't touch our truth because our counterproposal is too strong. There is a very strong North Korean communist clique in Japan and the North Koreans there had already received information that I was coming to Japan on my way here. It was therefore necessary to have police and local officials protect my family and me. The police received threatening telephone calls. The Japanese church did their best to protect me even though I was in Japan for a week, but I could not have a large meeting with all the members there....

You know, there is only one place called Panmunjom. This is the collision point between democracy and communism.

Since that time, we have no solution to this problem, which has extended throughout the whole world. It remains unsolved. This is a fortress against God, Panmunjom and the thirty-eighth parallel are anti-God symbols.

I sent all the wives in the blessed couples to the front line because Jesus' mission was not fulfilled when he wasn't able to marry and establish his family. To indemnify that, the wives must separate from their families. If a bride and his family had been one with Jesus, the nation and Judaism could have been one with him. The three-year course (1970-1972) is to indemnify that. The Jewish people were divided, north and south. Korea is divided north and south. They are fighting as Cain and Abel did. The northern side is Cain, and the southern side is Abel. North Korea's leader, Kim Il-sung, is called the perfect



Father held public speeches at the Friends Meeting House in London on three evenings from March 20-22, as part of his world tour. *Left:* members invite people to hear Father; *Right:* Publicity included this mobile signboard and advertising in the *Times*.

communist. The whole world avows that he is the most severe communist ever....

The year 1971 is in the middle of the seven-year course, and I am on my third world tour, which has great significance. I left Korea, went to Japan, then to Canada, and now came to America. To come here I had to fight many obstacles, but from now on, these difficulties will be eased. Canada is Eve to America, because it is an extension of England, which is Eve. I wanted to link to Japan, Canada, and America the victorious foundation that we fought for and acquired in Korea. I had to come through Canada to America, and because Canada is in Eve's position, I could do that. Because I wanted to link the foundation of victories to America, Satan tried to stop me. That's why so many difficulties arose related to my coming here. Those circumstances had to be overcome before you could inherit what heaven has restored in Korea, the foundation of victories.

After visiting America, we will go to Germany, which will also be problematic. We will go through England to Germany. If that is successful, the circumstances can be overcome....

The Japanese government, all the Japanese political parties and all the people worked for the admittance of Red China to the United Nations. Our church's IFVOC was the only group to object. From the standpoint of the Japanese people, our movement was insane. But we are separated from evil and are marching forward. We appealed to God to save Free China. That was the seven-day fasting by the Japanese members on the street. At the beginning people laughed at our fasting. But day by day they came to think about it. At the end we had many sympathizers.

The nation that should save the Asian archangel nation is the archangel nation of the world. That is why Japanese church leaders came to America and fasted with our members for Free China at the United Nations. How many members here went to New York for fasting? You did very good work. I gave direction for fasting. But how many did that willingly, with joyful hearts? So in Japan, in spite of opposition, we fulfilled our responsibility for Free China. And in America we fulfilled our responsibility toward Free China ....

I am planning to hold these meetings in at least seven cities. Three days for each city will be about 21 days. So if you like that and want to do that, make the plan. If you don't, I will do it myself. This is the start of my public ministry. You

should take the responsibility for this plan. There may be objections or persecutions. There may also be people who welcome it. The people will be divided into two groups. Use the radio and newspaper. So if you plan the details of the cities and the schedule, I will speak. I will also hold meetings in Germany and England. So for Satan this is a great event. It is a historical event for me. This is my third world tour, and I myself must speak this time. I have been waiting for this day. If I could speak good English I could speak directly. It is difficult to convey ideas through an interpreter. I can't speak English well because I couldn't study it much in middle school; only about fifteen hours a year. That was during the Second World War, when the Japanese government controlled Korea. I am studying English now, but it's a difficult language.

For the Eve nation to inherit the victorious foundation that was made in Korea, I mobilized 700 blessed wives and sent them out to the rural areas. Through these wives, the Japanese members became one with me spiritually, and Japan can inherit that victorious foundation from Korea. The blessed wives in Japan are following the pattern of the Korean blessed wives.

We are setting the spiritual conditions to make Japan and Free China one. The talks between Nixon and Mao Tse-tung will come at the crest of history, the time when it is decided whether history goes to the heavenly side or to the Satanic side.

Kim Il-sung will be sixty years old in April 1972.... So for Kim Il-sung this is also the crest. Whether North Korea will invade South Korea will also be decided. The North Korean Communist Party and the people are strongly united with Kim Il-sung. Therefore, if we are to prevent their invading South Korea, our members and our blessed couples must be united with me even more strongly. If our side is united and surpasses Satan's side, they cannot invade. Korean members are now dedicating themselves and offering special prayers to prevent this. Whether you American members are united with me more strongly than the communists are united with Kim Il-sung is the question. With our members more strongly united than those who are centered on Satan, God's side can overcome the communist nation. We don't have a nation. Without that nation, we are always open to attack from Satanic sovereignties. ...

If we had so many members that we could exchange all



**Left:** Father with members of the Berkeley, California church in March 1972, during the 1972 U.S. seven-city speaking tour, which concluded with speeches on three successive evenings in that city; **Right:** Father, Edwin Ang (Bay area director) and Pamela Stockwell (Stein) outside a church business in Berkeley, on March 11, the final day of the tour.

the front-line troops with our members, then what could we offer? And when the American government pulls out the American forces from Korea—even at that time, if American members stayed there on the front-line of Korea—then what will the American government do? Then, the nation of Korea will soon decrease. We have to know what a grievous result was brought about by the federal democratic Christians who are in the positions of responsibility in this democratic world. . . . Not only American members, but members of every other country want to go to Korea to hold the front-line; then how will Kim Il Sung of North Korea attack . . . without even fighting, we can save South Korea. Therefore, our most important thing is to influence the Christians and give them the truth—that is the most important thing. And evil always attacks when the equilibrium is lost.

### Launch of the One World Crusade during the Third World Tour

The position of the Unification Church global team is one of having to sacrifice and do the mission in the place of worldwide Christianity and all the world's people. I have decided to make a global-level organization in America and call it the One World Crusade.<sup>4</sup> Its headquarters will not be in Korea but in America. It is under my direct supervision. This name is to be registered in Washington, and these leaders are should report to me every week.

Mobile teams will be made not just in Korea but in Japan, the United States, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Members from those five countries will form the mobile teams in order to restore those five countries in front of Heaven. What are those mobile teams? They are Heaven's peace army. They are the pick of the troops and can decide the fate of those nations. Old people don't go to the army; nor do they go to the mobile team. The mobile teams are formed as groups of people with the fire of new determination lit in their hearts, such that they are able to say to others, Come join us!

### The American mobile team

I mobilized eighty-five members in America. I stationed leaders in thirty-five of the fifty states and made mobile teams with the remaining members. I divided them into two teams of twenty-five people each and bought two buses for them.

My plan is to mobilize four hundred people this year and two thousand people next year so that we can have at least one mobile team in each state.

### The German mobile team

The German people have a strong sense of self-reliance. If we teach the German people Unification Thought and heat them with fire that causes an explosion in their hearts, Europe will not be a problem. The Germans are diligent and they are a group that works like bears! [Laughter] I want to establish four countries—Japan, America, Germany and England—as the vanguard.

I visited the German headquarters in Essen and



Father wrote this calligraphy for the One World Crusade on May 3, 1972. It includes the characters for *heonjae*, meaning "to offer sacrifice."

noticed a bullet hole in the big glass front door. When I asked how this happened, I was told that it had been done by communists two weeks before. The communists had made various threats, had tried blackmail and had made many accusations through the courts to try to destroy our church. When we see this, we must realize that the German members are fighting to accomplish their objectives even at the risk of their lives.

That's why I made the mobile teams and bought them six vans and six caravans that could seat twelve people each. They already had nine vehicles, so that made twenty-one. We have to restore Germany within a certain amount of time. Having given this special direction, there was no more talk of day or night. I sent them out to march and fight, beating drums and playing trumpets.

Because there weren't enough members in Germany, I transferred the Austrian members to make up the numbers for this mobile team. The leader of this team, Paul, had been a drill instructor in the Hitler era. The team is experiencing nothing like the usual standard of living. They generally eat one meal a day. However, despite this partial fast, they are sounding the trumpet in the vanguard.

### Our calling to save Cain

*From Father's speech in Canada on December 14, 1971*  
We are taught about the problem of Cain and Abel in the Principle. Abel should have separated himself from Satan, or Cain, and then come into the love of God. Then by feeling and experiencing God's grief and his brother's grief he should have been willing to sacrifice himself their place and save his brother at the risk of his life, at the very cost of his life...

Our members are in the position of Abel. So you must first be able to fight against Satan and separate yourself from the satanic world. That means you have to come into God's love. But that is not all.

From then on you must be willing to sacrifice yourself in order to relieve God's grievous heart and that of the brothers and sisters in satanic bondage. At the price of your life, your sacrifice, you must be willing to take and save them from the satanic world. JW



Father bought six Volkswagen vans and six caravans for the German mobile teams.

<sup>4</sup> The One World Crusade is said to have been first organized during the 1972 seven-city speaking tour and to have developed from there.



# *Pitfalls and Potential : Implementing What You've Learned*

*This is a translated transcript of Yeon-ah nim's speech on the final day of the Global Unification Church Sunday School Educators Workshop on (May 2) which was cohosted by the Blessed Family Education Department at Cheon Bok Gung and the World Mission Headquarters.*

**W**e are glad the workshop has been a success. I know each of you has come here wishing to make effort to receive God and True Parents' realm of love and then return that love to the members of our second and third generations and to the world's young people.

If the international president wished to do so, he could decide everything here at our global headquarters and hand it out to you, saying, "Here! This is the standard you should follow from now on."<sup>1</sup> Hyung-jin nim could do that, but he doesn't want to set one standard for everyone. He wants to enable us to revise, supplement and develop ideas according to the needs of our own nations. Hyung-jin nim said that it would be arrogant for us to assume that what we have is perfect. Yet, if the program were used in certain locations and good results were achieved, other regions would naturally adopt it. If you have any ideas for improvements, please tell us, because only then will we be able to grow and be of help to those in other areas.

I know that when you return home you will have a lot on your minds. You have learned many things, and you may be anxious to pass them on to others. You may also come across those who are not very interested in Sunday school. Despite this, you will have to plow your way through.

So I thought it would be best to give you some advice before you go. The first thing I want to tell you is that I hope you will work within the organizational system. What that means is that you should always report to your leaders, be they church leaders or continental directors, and tell them things such as "We plan to focus on this or that topic," even if they become tired of your reports. You should also ask the church leaders, the Family Department directors and those working in the Education Department for their opinions.

At first, you might believe that you are right and just go your own way. Things may work out at first, but going your own way will make it more difficult for the program to succeed. Therefore, I am asking you to please work within the church system under your leaders. Though it may seem like slow work at first, in the long run it will mean that the program is more likely to survive.

I also hope that you will bear in mind that not everything you try to do will work out, even if you have good intentions and deeply feel the need and sincerely desire to do it. I strongly recommend that you design a model that can be developed slowly and then be maintained over time.

For instance, when we first started our Sunday school we thought of having a nationwide program in Korea. We followed the program in Cheon Bok Gung for a year, but we found that while certain activities were good in theory they were not so popular with the children. Isn't that how things develop? Based on that progress we adopted a model and expanding to other churches.

So when you return to your countries, I think you shouldn't try to take on all the churches in the nation for the time being, but instead take one church at a time. Please choose one church and create a successful model. For the time being, you should put aside thoughts of starting this program nationwide. You might ask what is to be done for the other churches, but for now that can't be helped. Instead of running something incomplete nationwide and failing to meet the expectations and win the confidence of others, it is better to take the long-term view—begin with one church, and revise and rectify aspects of your program at that church until the program finds its footing,

<sup>1</sup> She is referring to the Sunday school curriculum.

though it may seem unfair to the other churches.

When people criticize you for not carrying out the program nationwide, you should remember to take the long-term view with the thought that you will make a very good program and send it to them when it is done. I strongly recommend that you follow this method. We followed it, though we were criticized in the beginning. People asked, "Does the whole church exist only for Cheon Bok Gung?" Yet, we persevered while we adjusted and improved the program.

When the international president visited Thailand, the national leadership talked about how they were planning to increase the number of churches to ten, and then to sixty. He told them that this was not the way to do things. He said they should begin with one church and make it a good one, and to create more churches following that model. That would be faster, better and far less risky. I remember him saying this, and I believe the same can be applied to our Sunday schools.

So, I hope you will all try this for the first year. We'll help you in any way we can, so please ask us for help if you need it.

The truth is, education is similar to religion in many ways. At first, no matter how much you invest into it, you can't tell if any good has come of it. Sometimes it even feels as if you are pouring water into a bottomless jar. The effort you put into it just does not show. I think that only after making constant effort for at least a decade will you feel you are finally achiev-

together, and we have the Cheon Bok Gung culture, within which we set conditions together.

I think you should make setting conditions a tradition. I'm not saying that you should offer 1,200 bows a day, but I think you should set conditions that fit your current situation and that you can carry out consistently. It will be of great help to you. When you face difficulties or opposition, conditions will give you the strength to go on.

Another point is that as you work to set up the program, don't expect to receive compliments for it. Don't expect to hear, "Well done! We are so grateful to you for just being here." If someone does tell you that you've done well, you would of course be grateful, but even if no one compliments you, I hope you will keep up the good work! You have our support team to help you. I'm sure that others will offer you help as well.

My husband has strongly asserted something that I wish to share with you. I believe that True Parents' life course will come up in our Sunday schools. Hyung-jin nim asked, "If the Bible had only recorded Jesus' birth and infancy, and not mentioned his life up to his crucifixion, would we have been able to believe in and follow him?" How could we possibly have related to and connected with Jesus? He went on to add that Divine Principle is like the story up to the birth of Jesus in the Bible. In short, the Divine Principle just recorded the beginning.

Divine Principle explains six thousand years of history,

Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department



**Left:** Alas, the Bible doesn't indicate if the Israelites had as much fun at the parting of the Red Sea as these Sunday school teachers had when reenacting it during their workshop; **Right:** Dealing with real students in Cheon Bok Gung's Sunday school

ing something. Before you come to feel that way, you have to continue to work hard even though what you are placing your belief in is something invisible.

However, what we are trying to achieve through the Sunday school is more than just educating our children. We are trying to imbue their minds with religion. The outside world has many excellent educational programs. Why, then, are we trying to educate our children in Sunday school?

We are trying to teach them to believe in the Unification Church faith, which is why I think it is a good idea for you to establish a foundation of setting conditions as you work on this. Some people opposed what we were doing. I'm sure this was not because they had bad intentions. All the same, we sometimes faced fierce opposition, and sometimes things didn't work well. We even faced obstacles as we went ahead with the plan to set up this workshop. Yet, we continue moving forward because we have a focal point that brings everyone

beginning with Adam and going on to Noah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and finally the True Parents. It reveals the history of the providence of restoration and then the book ends. Father's life course, however, continues on, just as Jesus' life did until he was crucified.

True Parents have followed an indomitable course. Our international president expresses that course through a more poetic expression—seven deaths and resurrections and the completion of the eight stages. In talking about True Father's life course and introducing True Father to others, when we say that he sacrificed himself and risked death seven times to save us and that he delivered us both physically and spiritually, I think we feel more connected to one another. This is because True Father has indeed done so much for us, though we sometimes take it for granted. I think that he has to do these things for us because he is the Messiah.

True Parents' life course, however, may be a little too much

for children to handle all at once, because of how much True Parents have actually done. Therefore, when you teach our children about True Parents' life course, you should focus on the fact that True Parents are the people who have saved us. Whenever you feel that you have given too much information about True Parents' life course and the children seem confused, you should always return to that point and explain it again. When introducing True Parents' life course to others, it might be a good idea to focus on what True Parents have done in your own country. This is something Hyung-jin nim has said.

Hyung-jin nim wants our Unification Church children to make God and True Parents proud. Rather than feeling ashamed of being a Unification Church member or lacking confidence, they should be proud of their faith. To become a proud believer, however, one first needs to be capable. Only when he can stand tall in his society with confidence can he

claim to be a proud member of the Unification Church. The Unification Church is not a solitary island; it's part of society, and we need to witness to others in society. In this regard, Hyung-jin nim has said that he hopes our children will become proud members and children of the Unification Church that can give glory to God and True Parents through the talents and abilities they have been given.

Therefore, I hope we can all continue to work with enthusiasm. Our ideals are high and we still have a long way to go. Nevertheless, if we march forward, one step at a time, remembering that we are not alone, we will continue to develop our Sunday school and see our children grow up into wonderful church members. They will come to testify to our True Parents and to God's work. I truly hope and pray that we can sow the small seeds that can bring all this to fruition.

Thank you all for coming.

## *My Experience at the Sunday School Educators Workshop*

*By Andrew Lausberg*

Often, those that prepare seminars and workshops focus solely on what they want to present, whereas at the recent educators workshop, the schedule allowed us to naturally network based on our mutual experiences and concerns. The Cheon Bok Gung Church School Department, which organized the workshop, had designed the schedule with abundant time for participants to get together to just talk and share.

The program provided a relaxed schedule for lunch and dinner breaks, with a good balance of Korean cultural outings, and religious or spiritual outings. For example, one day we visited the beautifully preserved Gyeong Bok Palace, home of Yi Dynasty kings,<sup>1</sup> followed by a trip to Insa Dong, a popular shopping and fashion area. On another day, we visited the

Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, and then went on to visit Cheon Jeong Gung, the Peace Palace.

As people involved in the education of our young people, including those in our second generation, being able to meet and share through this program left us feeling that we are not alone in working in our individual nations. We are truly part of a larger global community that is tackling the challenges and difficulties of supporting our younger generation.

Some of the presentations introduced the curriculum that Cheon Bok Gung has been developing; others looked at how it is organized into different age levels and how it might empower church schools in other countries. Some workshop sessions involved the participants taking a sample of the curriculum lessons and practicing it.

The thirty or so participants split up into four groups. Each group then presented Sunday school classes for the other three.

<sup>1</sup> Yi Dynasty (1392–1910); Gyeong Bok Palace was built in 1395, razed during the (1592–1598) Korean war with Japan and reconstructed in 1868.



Consequently, at various times during the week, we found ourselves singing kindergarten Sunday school songs, complete with dance movements and cute facial gestures, drawing pictures with colored pens, or pasting and gluing cutout pictures depicting Joseph's dreams (from the Old Testament). On more than one occasion, laughter would erupt throughout the room, such as when an obviously adult person lifted a stick made of newspapers to represent Moses' staff and then cried out "Red Sea split!"—meaning that artificial blue waves made by Sunday school staff members should shake and separate like the waves of the Red Sea.

My favorite experience was the class for middle school students presented by team four. After listening to a sermon given by a young brother from Palau, we all engaged in the "extended activity" of playing with wooden dominos while an almost meditative talk was provided in the background by a brother from Taiwan. As our guide, Deng, talked about the significance of finding ways to express our own unique God-given abilities, we spread out, sitting on the wooden floor of the room, and stacked dominoes in a variety of patterns, according to our individual ideas. In the end, we watched each other tip over the lines of dominos to see how they would fall.

Another favorite experience was playing the game Father's Life Course Bingo!, where we had to answer questions on

opened and we became like children on the playground together, embraced in True Parents' love and the uplifting vision of the Cheon Bok Gung staff. More than once I found myself thinking that perhaps all our international seminars and workshops should be something a bit like this. The chance to come together and be like kids again was truly an invaluable experience.

The curriculum itself, developed at Cheon Bok Gung over the past few years, is systematic and well-constructed. It was clear to me that there was a massive amount of work and *jeongseong* invested in developing the material. The curriculum employs a modular system that covers various streams over a number of years. One stream focuses on the eight main Unificationist holy days and traditions (one year), while another gives overviews of the Principle and a strong grounding in biblical scripture (two years). The curriculum is designed with material covering both these streams for all different age groups.

We will need to grapple in the months and years ahead with how exactly the curriculum can be translated and localized to suit different cultural and social environments. However, at the very least, the Cheon Bok Gung curriculum is a wonderful and powerful model of how to approach with consistency, wisdom and heart the task of educating our children and young adults



**Left:** Breakout sessions had the participants discussing their approach in groups; **Right:** Matthew Sisserson, who will apply what he's learned during the workshop to his work on Palau, a Pacific island, observes a Korean Sunday school class in progress.

Father's life to block out the squares on our numbered bingo cards, hopefully to be the winners (we did this in three teams).

The method in the workshop (teaching, plus activities) mirrored exactly the approach used by the Cheon Bok Gung Sunday school curriculum, with all the educational material being contextualized for each group—preschool, younger elementary, older elementary, and then middle school and high school. Likewise, it reflects that each class session comprises a presentation embodying the learning or message for that week and an extended activity, in which the children engage in some practical play that reinforces the lesson and gives them an opportunity to internalize its meaning.

Perhaps it was because this same approach was applied to the workshop itself, or perhaps because we were all focused on education for children and young people (whatever the case) this workshop was a lot of fun, and I found myself thinking that we had all become a lot like children ourselves. As we drew pictures and played and acted like kids, our hearts

in becoming Unificationists that embrace True Parents, not just as someone that Mom and Dad respect but as "my own True Parents," who have been victors in the historic course of completing the eight stages.

I know that virtually everyone at this workshop was in some way inspired or touched by the experience, and more than a few participants were eager to get to work in implementing the material in their home communities. Personally, I was inspired by the Cheon Bok Gung staff's wisdom, and by the vision and heart of our international president and Yeonah nim, for investing so much for the future of our families. I came away with a much stronger sense of how important this aspect of our lives is and with a determination to see that vision multiplied wherever I go. **TW**

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# Setting Up Relationships that Change People

By Koichi Sasaki

*Organizations might rebound from difficulty in a variety of ways, for example when their most productive members have record years, or as here, where a less prominent component group becomes energized as never before. For anyone involved with team building and church growth, this testimony may cover aspects that are applicable in your part of the world.*

**Witnessing to find full-time church members has resurged in Brazil. Left: A member lectures in the street Right: witnessing at a video center**

**B**razilian CARP is a youth organization reestablished as part of FFWPU, in May 2010, after having lost all our previous foundation among young people through the UCI incident.<sup>1</sup> In order to build a new foundation, we started by creating a full-time membership system, which is an important basis for developing CARP activities.

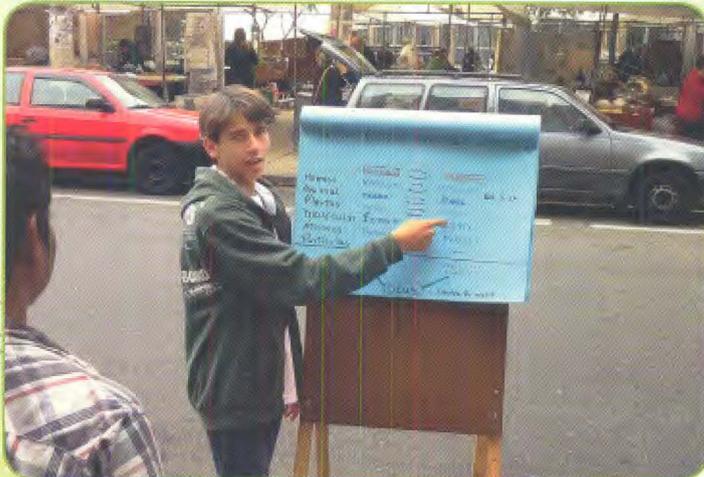
At that time, it wasn't easy to gather many Brazilian young people from around the country because of the repercussions remaining from the UCI incident. We started our full-time membership system with only four members. We ate and slept together, practicing a life of faith by doing hoondokhae, fund raising and witnessing activities. In those times, we invested totally in those four members, pouring our efforts into rebuilding the right tradition, as if they represented all Brazilian young people.

In January 2011, we held our first CARP convention with eighty-seven participants. Our mottoes were Let's establish the tradition of absolute attendance toward the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and (in order to reach that goal) Let's start by learning the Divine Principle line by line and word by word! We had less recreation time than usual, and we prepared a schedule focused on Divine Principle lectures, examining in detail, line by line, every single part of it.

We started by reading the Divine Principle together, going through all the important definitions. We would then give the members ten minutes to memorize each part. Some of them would then come to the front to recite what they'd memorized. For example, the standard of individual perfection in the Divine Principle requires one to 1) become the temple of God 2) achieve oneness with Him 3) acquire divine nature 4) experience the heart of God as if it were one's own 5) understand His will 6) and live fully attuned to it. 7) Accordingly, one becomes God's beloved who inspires Him with joy, sharing all God's feelings and 8) one would never commit any sinful act that would cause God grief 9), which means one would never fall. We made them study it exactly as it is written without summarizing. Therefore, by helping them understand clearly the definition and standard of the Principle, we established a deep connection between the Principle and their daily lives. Consequently, we could clarify their motivation to live according to a formula course.

We worked hard to strengthen their motivation to lead a life of faith by explaining to

1 A reference to a disagreement between UCI leaders and leaders of the Brazilian church that caused profound confusion among Brazilian church members.



them concepts such as the difference between the general understanding of taking responsibility and the Divine Principle concept of the human portion of responsibility. We also defined the standards of individual perfection, the realm of direct dominion and the original mind. We explained the difference between the common understanding of freedom and the freedom of the original mind. We taught the definition of the providence of restoration and provided a detailed explanation of the foundations of faith and of substance and the difference between the providential Cain–Abel relationship and external organizational structures. We also explained how an incorrect understanding of indemnity results from a misunderstanding of the human portion of responsibility. Further, we clarified the perfection level of the growth stage and details about the individual formula course.

After listening to the Divine Principle lectures and True Father’s life course in the workshop, forty-three young people committed themselves with tears to becoming full-time members at the headquarters building, starting from the day after the workshop. In this way, the members increased from four to forty-three in the first six months.

In July, 165 members participated in our annual CARP national workshop. As a result, the number of full-time members increased to a hundred. In January 2012, we held our second CARP convention, gathering 240 young people from all over the nation. Through this workshop, the number of full-time members reached 160. About half of them are in our second generation. (Currently, we also have musical and cultural activities, and youth Sunday service for those young people that are not full-time members.)

### Activity report

Among all the youth activities, we focused especially on reinforcing the ability to give Divine Principle lectures. We also trained young people by letting the spiritual parents give one-on-one lectures to their spiritual children at the video center in our church headquarters, and by regularly holding Divine Principle exams. Since guests would come every day, members were pushed to study hard to prepare lectures that would bring the guests eternal life. This resulted in our raising twenty-five seven-day workshop lecturers that year.

Through these witnessing activities, our membership continuously increased, and some who joined even became full-time members. Around 10 percent of our full-time members are

new to the church.<sup>2</sup> Besides witnessing, we also have fund raising, UPF work, interreligious and Pure Love activities, service projects, sports and Korean lessons.

### Education and training for leaders

I could make many important points regarding a full-time memberships system, but I would like to share the ones that we emphasize particularly in Brazil.

Usually, the purpose of full-time membership is seen as education and training for young people, but another very important purpose is to increase the capacity to love among the leaders, by their taking care of young people from a parent’s position. The leaders will find themselves in a situation where they will need to sacrifice personal time and space in order to love, educate, counsel and guide those in their charge. The leaders accompany the young members twenty-four hours a day to help the members achieve victory over all types of trials. When you live together, you cannot hide from anyone your fallen nature and limited capacity to love. In this environment, because the leaders are in the parents’ position, they can’t give up, but must love the members until the end, no matter how rebellious and difficult those members may be.

For those leaders that have children, it will provide good training in establishing the standard of loving the full-time members more than one’s own children right in front of their own children. In this way, the full-time membership system is an excellent training opportunity enabling the leader and the leader’s spouse to practice the natural subjugation of Cain through love and sacrifice, that is, by overcoming their own fallen nature.

### Victory in the blessing and raising future leaders

We started the full-time membership program as an option that facilitates understanding the essence of the formula course and learning how to obtain victory in it. Therefore, one of its educational purposes is to enable members to persevere through the formula course in their own life of faith, even after graduating from the full-time membership course. In this way, more than just helping them gain dedication, go through hardships and participate in activities, we focus on making them obtain victory in their individual formula course.

Basically, our main activities are fund raising and witness-

2 About half of our full-time members are blessed children. About 40 percent are adult members, or children who were born before their parents’ blessing.



**Left:** Brazil's 2012 CARP Convention had 240 participants, almost three times the previous year's total; **Right:** A joint CARP–UPF service project to provide a community experience and instill values in young people.

ing, through which we help members learn how to establish a foundation of faith and foundation of substance, respectively. Moreover, in order for young members to be better prepared to receive the blessing, we instruct them to go as far as they can through the whole course of the second part of Divine Principle in their lives of faith, starting from Adam's family, until their spirituality reaches the perfection level of the growth stage.

Whether or not you go through the full-time membership program, if you don't go through the individual formula course, most probably consequences will arise in your blessing. All the victories you could not obtain through your individual formula course will end up eventually appearing as a challenge or as a trial between the couple. In this manner, problems concerning the blessing and the husband-wife relationship arise usually because the individual could not obtain victories during his or her individual formula course. Therefore, in many cases, problems will not be solved even by changing a system or fulfilling only external conditions. Thus, despite the present era's benefits, if you avoid practical training to eliminate your fallen nature and to cleanse your sins, you won't be able to increase your capacity to overcome trials. As a result, there will be a greater possibility of breaking the blessing because of an inability to endure trials that challenge your limitation to love.

Keeping this in mind, we instruct members to increase their capacity to love through training them to obtain victories in the Cain-Abel relationship inside the church and to learn to love their witnessing guest no matter how resistant the guest may be, thereby restoring God's heart within the member.

#### **The importance of internal excellence**

As we improve CARP's full-time membership system, we have been making effort to establish not only a good external organization but also a better internal standard. In practical terms, we divide the members into two teams, clearly assigning a Cain or Abel position to each. We then guide Abel to obtain victory by naturally subjugating Cain through love and sacrifice. On the other hand, we guide Cain to be victorious in loving Abel by overcoming perceptions of a lack of love and by eliminating fallen nature. In addition, by switching regularly and appropriately the Cain and Abel positions, we allow members to experience both situations. This affords them opportunities to nurture their love recipient, so that Cain can love any type of Abel, and Abel can naturally subjugate any type of Cain.

In the midst of this training, members sometimes try to

escape from their trials, but we teach them to continue facing their difficulties until they obtain victory. By experiencing this victory, they can understand that problems are not inherent in the full-time membership system, which clearly separates Cain from Abel, but are issue of conflict involving characteristics of fallen nature. We clarify the fact that no matter how much you change the system, the circumstances won't change unless you get rid of your fallen nature by going through a process of loving others.

Through this training, the full-time members grow quickly and create an atmosphere of love and unity in the church, becoming thus able to obtain better results in witnessing. Furthermore, we raise leaders and members who can be victorious not only in their blessings but also in activities such as home groups and tribal messiah work, even after graduating from our full-time membership program.

#### **Brazil's witnessing system**

In addition to the development of our youth group, we have been building a home group system for general members. Throughout the nation, 140 home groups are active with 1,250 participants. Every three months, we hold special witnessing events at a local church in order to bring together all the local home groups and their guests.

We started our home group system nearly two years ago. Some groups have been successful in convincing people in their localities to become members in a natural way, through involving new guests in the home group meetings. Some other groups have already multiplied their first cell, and this year some second-stage multiplication has taken place. Many members are reviving through the home group providence including those who used to be a bit distant but started showing up in home groups.

#### **Our hope for the future**

A few years ago, True Father said, "I've shed blood and sweat to sow the seed of hope in the Jardim Project. A great heavenly fortune that comes only once in a thousand years has come. The time of harvest is ahead." Many other testimonies are emerging from South America. We believe that this is the time we've been waiting for. With this hope in our hearts, let's be determined to work hard as we move together toward Foundation Day! **JW**

*Rev. Koichi Sasaki is the vice-president of FFWPU in Brazil.*



**Left:** Pure Love presentations for young people in schools are also a form of service to the community with potentially life-transforming results; **Right:** A CARP member teaches youngsters about values in the context of martial arts.

hadra—with Vairocana Buddha. They articulated a notion of mutual interpenetration and non-obstruction [of the three Buddhist entities] that closely matched John of Damascus' notion of the *perichoresis*,<sup>5</sup> the dancing of the three persons within the Christian Trinity.

In the end, many Trinitarian theologians say, "It's a mystery. We are not able to fully understand the Trinity," which is one reason that the Lord returns. He clarifies what Jesus Christ could not reveal in his time on earth because of the hardness of heart and perhaps thickness of mind of his audience.

The Principle ontology is relational. Nothing can exist without relationship. Even in God, there are dual characteristics. Love itself cannot exist outside of a relationship. We know love is the essence of God, so thus God cannot "exist" without relationship. (He has His internal relationship of dual characteristics, of course.)

What we have is a critique of traditional ontology, and a new relational ontology. On top of that, we have a new type of anthropology<sup>6</sup> that explains what a human person is.

One's anthropology has implications for many theological and practical issues. In Christianity, you have the soul and the body. Some Christians take the scriptures to be saying that when Christ returns, the bodies of the deceased will be resurrected from the grave, the Rapture. They actually believe that the bodies of the dead will be reconstituted.

In Unification anthropology, a human being is composed of four parts, not two. A person has a spiritual self and a physical self. The spiritual self is comprised of a mind and body, and the physical self is comprised of a mind and body. When the Lord returns, the deceased can be resurrected with their spiritual body. That "body" would be resurrected and have relationships with the saints on earth who are attending Christ during his Second Advent. So our unique anthropology of a four dimensional human being allows for a new perspective on both physical and spiritual experience.

To return to the Christological question, we can best understand Father's uniqueness through his unique relationship to God. If that's the case, we don't run into "essence" and "sub-  
5 Literally, "perpetual dance"; John of Damascus (ca. 675–753) was an important theologian in the Eastern Orthodox branch of Christianity.  
6 As used here, a theology dealing with the origin, nature, and destiny of human beings

stance" issues. We are saying that True Father is relating to God directly. What we mean by directly is this:

God is a transcendent mind. He doesn't have a spirit body. Father has the four parts of the anthropology of a human being—spirit mind, spirit body, physical mind and physical body. We are saying that Father's spirit mind is infused with God's spirit mind. Hence, God is one with Father's spirit mind, which is in an inseparable relationship with Father's spirit body. Thus, God can use Father's spirit body. That's why, when you see God in the spirit world you'll see True Parents. God is not Himself visible. He has no form. He is intangible. Father's spirit self (his spirit mind and spirit body) is in an inseparable relationship with Father's physical self. Through this mind-body relationship, God can experience the world through True Father's spiritual and physical selves.

How would that then relate to us? If I am praying to God, can't I speak to God? Can't God speak to me? Doesn't He answer my prayers?

In the spirit world, I can see your spirit body but not your spirit mind, just as in the physical world, I cannot see your physical mind. Yet, God is only spirit mind. True Father is infused with God; God is in his spirit mind. Because Father's spirit mind is inseparable from his spirit body, God is one with Father's spirit body. Because God is present in Father's spirit mind, in the spirit world, through Father's spiritual body, we can actually see God. Because True Father's spirit self is completely one with his physical self, when we see Father on earth we are actually seeing God. Christ is a unique mediator. He is unique because God so chooses. He chose Adam. When the time came, He chose to use Jesus, but Jesus' earthly life was cut short. Then God chose to use Father as the Lord at the Second Advent, and Father succeeded in completing the mission of the Christ.

Through the union of True Mother with True Father, God can experience True Mother's physical self (through True Father's physical self) and He can experience True Mother's spirit body and spirit mind. Father and Mother become assumed into God. So when we see True Parents, we see God.

Now, when I get a message from God, or I feel God is pushing me in some direction, what is that? It's just as it is in the



On May 18, True Father stood at the podium and spoke for more than five hours without respite at the Cheongshim Peace World Center to members beginning the 30-day OSDP workshop. Left: Father and Mother sing for the assembled members.

spirit world; it's a voice or influence coming through True Father or True Mother's spiritual body. Is it God Himself? Yes and no. It's not that God is in your spirit mind so that you are equal to the Messiah, to Christ, because God did not choose you as Christ. God chose True Parents as Christ. So, He is infused in their spirit minds, and uses their spirit bodies in an inseparable relationship. When you are internally pushed by something in the physical world, you may be interacting with their spirit bodies.

We might say, I can become a true parent. However, that is only possible, from a Principled perspective because we can come into a full relationship with God because of our relationship with True Parents. Because God chose Father as Christ, Father has the unique role of the mediator.

Of course, God is fully there when we are interacting with Father's spirit body, because Father is in an inseparable relationship with God's spirit and mind. It's Principled. We unlock the mystery of the Trinity through Unification relational ontology. The Trinity can be understood with relational ontology. We are not talking about three different Gods.

I want to keep wrestling with this theology, because this is something we are just coming upon. I don't want to mass produce it and publicize it all over the world, but these are some of the things we are wrestling through. While I'm serving Father, I have to continue to think theologically so that we can understand Christ's value, the value of Christ at his Second Advent.

With this understanding, we can understand why True Parents are absolutely essential. They play the mediator role

between humankind and God. Also by understanding our relational ontology, we can also understand the Christology of Christ from a Divine Principle perspective, the nature of this Trinity.

True Father would be the first-ever to be infused with God's spirit because he fulfilled the original three blessings offered to Adam and completed Jesus' mission. The Principle does say that God will dwell within our spiritual and physical selves, that He wants to experience the husband-wife relationship (absolute sex). That's true. But Father is the chosen one. Without True Parents, you could never be in a relationship as a blessed couple. Without that central relationship between True Parents and God, we wouldn't have the way to get to God. True Parents play that unique mediator role.

Father has said that when we meet God in the spirit world—when God appears—He will appear in the persons of True Parents. That evidently says that True Parents' spirit bodies are the way in which beings in the spirit world will experience God. So God would not infuse our spirit mind in the same way that God infuses True Father's spirit mind.

Relatedness is everything. Love itself cannot exist without a relationship. Father says, "God wouldn't be anything without me!" We can understand how that is true if we look at existence in terms of our relational ontology. When Father says "God is nothing without me," it is true that without an object partner, God cannot love and thus cannot be a God of love. Because love can only exist within relationships, God can only truly be God through True Parents' victory. **TW**

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In May, Korea welcomed national and regional Blessed Family Department representatives seeking to improve the administration of the matching and blessing. The five-day meeting was cohosted by the World Mission Headquarters and the Blessed Family Education Department. Some thirty people from all the world's regions participated.



# God's Providence by Land and by Sea

By Yang Hur

*The writer, who has been appointed by Father to keep international missionaries informed, presents aspects of the Las Vegas providence plus insights into True Father's lifestyle, and adds his own observations and thoughts.*

**T** rue Parents have emphasized that the providence for the land as well as the oceans needs to be brought to fruition in Las Vegas. Through this, the era before the coming of heaven and the era after the coming of heaven will be clearly distinguished. Our True Parents are mapping out a multifaceted strategy to restore this city. The following are some aspects of the approach they are taking:

## **Reconstruction at the new Peace Palace in Las Vegas**

A year ago, True Parents acquired a very large property in the vicinity of the Las Vegas Airport. Originally built in 1966, the 135,400-square-foot<sup>1</sup> building at 6590 S. Bermuda Road is situated on six acres of land. Father calls it the Peace Palace.<sup>2</sup>

On 3.28 [April 18] demolition began on part of the property in order to prepare the way for a new conference center to be completed by the end of the year. The new educational facility will seat two thousand people. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously gave final approval for "major training facility, convention facility and dormitory" on March 7, 2012.

Father visited the site to witness the demolition. He met the demolition foreman, posed for photographs with everyone and joyfully wished the whole group a nice day as he departed.

True Parents have blessed the city of Las Vegas as the place where not only members and ambassadors for peace but also leaders from every field of life can attend the Original Substance of the Divine Principle workshops. Moreover, the building is expected to play a role in the organization of the Abel UN.

## **Wongu Peace and Happiness School of Oriental Medicine**

True Parents have long had the vision of establishing a university specializing in Oriental medicine. On 3.28 [April 18], the State of Nevada Board of Oriental Medicine unanimously approved

1 12,580 square-meter

2 Officially it is known as the World Peace Education Center.

Father is offering conditions through extended fishing excursions that test the mettle of those accompany him.



Photos courtesy of Loomis' Life Ministries and Yang Hur

the establishment of the Wongu Peace and Happiness School of Oriental Medicine.

A building and the necessary personnel, including the university president, professors and the administrative staff have been secured. The school is scheduled to open its doors for the new school year this autumn. Students will graduate with a Master's degree in Oriental Medicine and will sit for a Nevada state examination if they wish to practice there.

The founding spirit of the university is the same as that of Sun Moon Educational Foundation in Korea: Love God, Love Humankind and Love Your Country.

### Lake Mead a training ground for the spirit

True Parents go fishing on Lake Mead in order to offer conditions. It is like an oasis in the desert, a place that Heaven has prepared in advance for the completion of the ocean providence, of which True Parents are the center. True Parents are establishing themselves there; they even know the different types of fish, animals and plants that can be found in the area. While offering devotions through fishing, True Father always teaches the small number of followers who are on the boat with him, pouring out his heart like a waterfall of boundless blessing and love; our parched souls are enriched through what he says.

True Parents own a number of fishing vessels. They are preparing to create facilities for ocean-related training combined with spiritual training.

### True Father's autobiography

Members are coming from Japan with the mission to distribute the autobiography on the street and door to door throughout the city. One billboard advertising Father's book is maintained on Highway 15 in Las Vegas, and another on Las Vegas Boulevard near the famous Las Vegas sign.<sup>3</sup> They are visible each day to the occupants of tens of thousands of passing cars.

### Establishment of a Korean residents' church

Two years ago, True Parents appointed then Gangwon Province (Korea) Unification Church leader Rev. Won-geun Park as

<sup>3</sup> The sign, which reads, Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas, has been there since 1959.



**A billboard advertising True Father's autobiography stands out against the arid Las Vegas landscape**

church leader of the Korean residents' church in Las Vegas. He received a special assignment for the restoration of Las Vegas. Rev. Park is making headway in bringing together the Korean residents based on his decades of experience as a church leader. This church is affiliated with Lovin' Life Ministries and Rev. Park is working under In-jin nim's guidance.

Some people from the Las Vegas' Korean community have attended the Original Substance of Divine Principle workshops and a number are now attending Sunday service. Some among these used to belong to other churches.

After the Sunday Service, Rev. Park spends time with those who come to the church. He said that since the Little Angels' performance in Las Vegas a few months ago, the perception of True Parents and the Unification Church in the Korean community has changed; as a result, an increasing number of Korean residents are coming to meet Rev. Park.

### The True Teacher

As well as the average of seven to eight hours of teaching every day in hoondokhae, True Father teaches in public and



**The Wongu Peace and Happiness School of Oriental Medicine has acquired this property, which includes a number of buildings.**

An advertisement for Wongu Peace &amp; Happiness University Graduate School of Oriental Medicine. The ad features a map of Nevada in the background. The text reads: "WONGU PEACE &amp; HAPPINESS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE. The first school of oriental medicine in the state of Nevada." Below this, it states: "The Wongu Peace and Happiness University, the first school of Oriental Medicine in the state of Nevada, will welcome its first class of students on October 3, 2012. Unanimously approved by the State of Nevada Board of Oriental Medicine on April 18, 2012, Wongu seeks to promote the living proof of the effectiveness of Oriental Medicine as observed through the millennia." It also mentions: "Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree prior to applying to the school, and upon completion of the program, students will graduate with a Master's degree in Oriental Medicine. After graduating, students will be eligible to sit for the NCCADM exam, which will allow students to practice in approximately 40 states in the U.S. Students who wish to practice in Nevada will also be required to sit for the Nevada state exam, which will allow them to practice as a Doctor of Oriental Medicine in Nevada. Tuition is expected to cost approximately \$15,000/year." At the bottom, it provides the address: "8620 S Eastern Ave., Ste #5 Las Vegas, NV 89123" and the phone number: "(702) 218-0501".



**Father visiting the large property on Bermuda Road, Las Vegas, which began undergoing renovations that day in preparation for its use as a major training facility; Right: Dr. Chang-shik Yang speaks on video to explain the development to church members.**



private meetings and even onboard boats, where he also offers all-night fishing conditions. To use every second that passes, he even teaches about the essence of the providence to the few followers that travel with him in his car. Regardless of whether his audience is ten thousand people, ten people or even two or three, he educates those around him at every opportunity.

Sometimes he gives vent to the irritation he feels at having to teach such bat-blind, ignorant people, but he repeatedly attempts to implant the gist of his teachings deep in our hearts. With a serious expression on his face, he tells us that he needs to arrange everything while his body is still moving, because only then can all problems be easily resolved and our future be bright. If we tried to resolve all the problems and lay the foundation without him, he says, we could not finish the work in a thousand years.

Recently, at King Garden in Kona, Hawaii, Father said,

“I have never forgotten the children I blessed. I have never thought differently about taking responsibility for them, even at this moment in time. Even when I go to the spirit world, I will visit them at least three times.” He is giving us so much love and showing a deep interest in us, and we should not disappoint him.

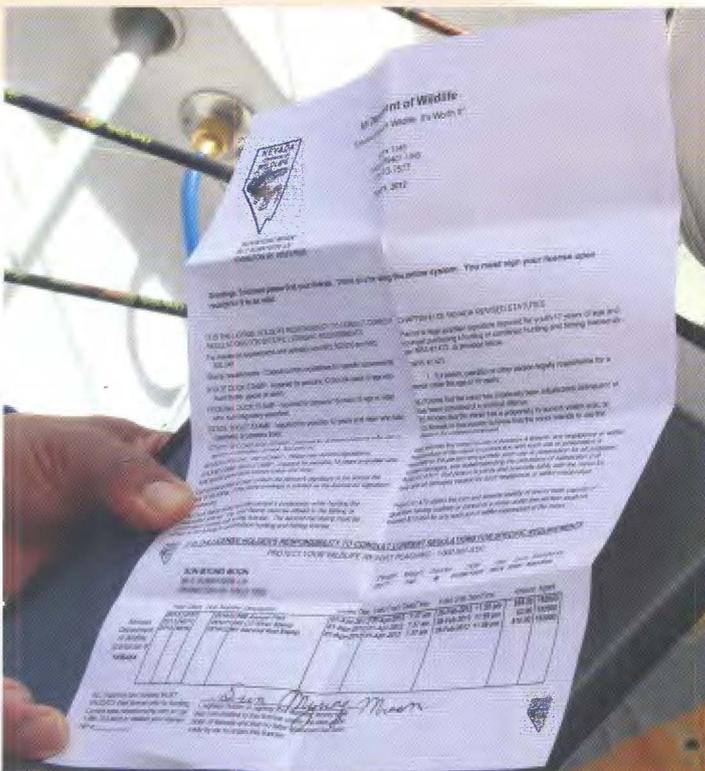
As the six-day sojourn in Hawaii at the end of March drew to an end, Father said “You need to sleep six hours a day, but I can bear up without sleeping for at least three days. You need to become focused in achieving your goal to such an extent that you even forget the taste of delicious food. I have a record of speaking for seventeen hours and forty-two minutes, standing the entire time. With such a spirit, there is nothing you cannot do.”

In the town of Sedona, Arizona, on 3.21 [April 11], at the conclusion of the hoondokhae reading entitled “Victorious Sacrifice,” True Father said that what we had read was in complete accord with the present moment, in which we are making preparations for Foundation Day. He added, “Indemnification must pass through the process of sacrifice. You need to march forward for the completion of the providence with the attitude and the heart of making the final sacrifice. It’s as if have restored Shimcheong, Choonhyang and General Lee Soon-shin to their original state before the Fall and given them each a key so that they can freely visit True Parents’ residence. You need to model yourselves after their loyalty and filial piety.”

### The Ocean Providence on Lake Mead

For three days from 3.22 to 3.24 [April 12–14], True Father went out to Temple Bay on Lake Mead with a small number of church leaders as an all-night fishing condition. The nights on Lake Mead are cold and chilly. To make matters worse, when it is windy and raining, it feels eerie and one cannot help but cower down. We do our best to cover True Father up from head to toe with sleeping bags and tuck him up tightly so no wind can find its way inside, and to block the winds and the rain with umbrellas, but as the night grows long, it becomes colder and colder.

While we are waiting for a fish to be caught on one of the lines cast into the water, True Father speaks to us on the boat or listens to reports. He changes the atmosphere on the boat, and worldly thoughts about the cold and other mundane things vanish in an instant. Mostly, he catches carp, catfish or bass. When a big fish is caught, we take photographs with



**A license Father needed for fishing on Lake Mead. Note that he has signed it personally.**

Father. Sometimes we pose for individual photographs with Father, who says that we should remember that moment for all eternity.

We were returned to Cheon Hwa Gung, where True Parents reside in Las Vegas at around four in the morning. Father never misses a hoondokhae session and continues to offer other devotions. When you consider his age, it is altogether unimaginable.

Father continues to visit dark, low and vulgar places and voluntarily follows the path of a pioneer and a living offering. Why does he do that? He has to continue with such struggles because he has to complete even the unfulfilled responsibilities of the chosen children for the liberation of God and the salvation of humanity. It seems as if the sounds you hear in the lonely and almost silent surroundings—the wind blowing, the waves lapping the shore, and an occasional cry made by animals—reflect True Parents' heart.

### Conclusion

It is said that sincerity moves Heaven. I have no doubt that as they give everything they have at the risk of their lives, True Parents' devotions will be brought to fruition. We lead our lives under True Parents' guidance, and what we should value above all else is True Parents' oversight while they are with us, and we need to reestablish our identity in accordance with that. Foundation Day is less than a year away.

Father has said, "I embarked on this path in suffering, and I plan to end it in suffering. This is actually my motto. Even when I am ninety years old and in need of a walking stick to support me, I will follow this path."

With the belief that the person who tied the knot should be the one to untie it, True Parents are following the one and only path before them, devoting all their energies and risking their lives, enduring everything like a phoenix, and marching on and on. I remember Father saying, "Rather than beginning something, you should try to finish something well. I am the person who knows whether the last knot should be tied to the right side or the left."



Offering jeongseong through fishing allows Father to educate those who accompany him.

True Parents are trying to fulfill all the promises they made to God flawlessly while they are still here on earth, so that they can complete their work and thus liberate God and dedicate humankind on the cosmic altar to open the way to the era of peace and prosperity and to eternal life.

The completion of the providence begins with the fulfillment of our own portion of responsibility. True Father said that the history of the providence was prolonged for six thousand years because people failed to bear their burdens. In every hoondokhae, True Father says that he has fulfilled everything. We should not forget that in saying this he is emphasizing our responsibility.

The gist of True Father's message to us during his recent travels was that we should value, take pride in, and develop our foundation. Rather than putting ourselves forward, we should look down at our feet and know our present situation and identify ourselves as blessed families and church members with a humble attitude based on our devotion.

Only when we work with such an attitude can the spirit world be moved and can we be given the master key that can create something from nothing and make the impossible possible. To continue with my summary of Father's words:

I, too, offer devotions as I follow this path. Do you think you can prevail without offering devotions? While following the path of the providence, you can complain or rest when things are too difficult, and you can even discuss your problems with older people around you, younger people or your colleagues. But I can never complain or discuss things with anyone because I have to struggle on all by myself to fulfill my one and only goal. When you engage in a fight, you should win. We cannot show Satan the dead bodies of those who have been defeated. Once you taken on your responsibility, you should stake your lives on fulfilling it. You cannot be victorious without fighting. It is only after a fight to the death that you can be declared the winner.

How meaningful and heartfelt this message is! **TW**



True Father with the writer, Rev. Yang Hur, and a large carp hooked on Lake Mead.

# Betting on Las Vegas

By Stefan des Lauriers

*Last month we carried an interview of Heather Thalheimer on Lovin' Life Ministries, which reaches across the United States. We were curious as to how their satellite churches are doing, so we asked someone from the Las Vegas church to write about their recent experiences. It turns out they are developing some innovative ideas.*

**The new church in Las Vegas is a rented movie theater. The visual and sound quality make it an ideal venue for airing the Lovin' Life Ministries service, which is broadcast nationwide from a central location. At right, a district leader gives the Sunday sermon from the pulpit in New York.**

No matter which way one faces in Las Vegas, mountains are always on the horizon. Las Vegas sits nestled like a bowl in the midst of them. Distant hills and some snow-covered peaks surround the bright lights and outlandish architecture of the Strip<sup>1</sup> as if it were in God's embrace. From that point of view, it is not very difficult to believe that True Parents will transform the site of their official home in the United States (as of January 2011) from, as In-jin nim puts it, Sin City to Sun City, where you (u) are in the center instead of I (i).

One of the perquisites of being a local member in Las Vegas is being able to gather at Cheon Hwa Gung to welcome Father and Mother Moon when they fly in from Korea. One might see Lovin' Life Ministries' Las Vegas Pastor Demian Dunkley and his wife Yumiko walking with their three young children from their house just around the corner. What a privileged childhood memory for the children; when old and grey, they'll be able to recount how they greeted their neighbors, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth and Humankind.

Pastor Demian and Yumiko are doing an awesome job in building up the community and launching Lovin' Life Ministries (LLM) at the best location in the country—we are renting, on a weekly basis, the Rave Theater, a movie house with a sixty-foot screen<sup>2</sup> and surround sound. Demian studied film and multimedia at Platt College in San Diego. He put his keen design expertise into the making of witnessing Rave Theater "tickets," and upbeat infomercials—short films that are a local version of the national announcements coming from New York. We brought 3,000 people to Caesar's Palace on February 18, for the Little Angels, so filling a theater with 470 seats each week should not be impossible.

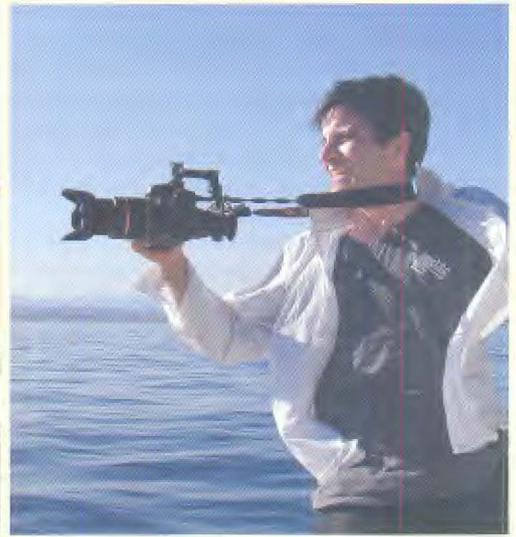
The doors of Rave Theater opened for the official premiere at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. This broadcast of Lovin' Life Ministries marked the third anniversary of Senior Pastor In-jin Moon being entrusted the position of leading the Unification Church in America. A hundred and twenty-nine people—including six guests—attended the service in Las Vegas broadcast from the Manhattan Center in New York. Two of the guests were there as a direct result of one sister's determination.

On March 4, Joshua Cotter made a national announcement inviting members to go to

1 A section of Las Vegas Boulevard outside of the Las Vegas city limits that features a number of the world's largest hotels and famous casinos

2 Roughly equivalent to 18 meters; surround sound, introduced in 1977, is the typical movie theater speaker configuration





**Left: The writer, Stefan des Lauriers, plays the ukelele at the launch party for their first service at the Rave Theater on Easter Day (April 8); Right: Pastor Demian Dunkley of Lovin' Life Ministries in Las Vegas**

Las Vegas to witness. Our sister Iwuk Aswamah responded to the call. She traveled 1,746 miles on a Greyhound Bus from Atlanta to pass out tickets at a supermarket for four or five days. Iwuk met a lady who came to the theater with her grandmother. They listened to the service with their Bibles on their laps.

Japanese missionaries, wearing LLM T-shirts, ushered in the guests including regional president Dr. Chang-shik Yang, Las Vegas Korean church leader Rev. Weon-geun Park, and various local members. One of the baristas in the foyer was Alvaro Orduña Dominguez, a new member and recent university graduate who attends Culture Nights quite often, in addition to almost every other event. He was there, behind the counter with missionary Ms. Aya Tiara from Okinawa, Japan, offering coffee, tea, glazed donuts and tasty cookies. Pastor Demian is always reminding us that people want to contribute. "Tell them to come, we need their help."

Rev. Staffan Berg, state leader of Nevada and Arizona, emphasizes that the ten Japanese missionaries rotating in and out of Las Vegas have made a huge contribution to the outreach campaign. The twelve regions of Japan are well represented. "The missionaries come from the mother country ostensibly to learn English and witness, yet they are doing so much more," Rev. Berg says, "They are the busy bees that keep every event humming. Their pleasant smiles and willing hands make light the work of reclaiming this city for God."

On the wall of the Rave Theater is a series of windowpanes that fit standard size posters of current movies being shown. Backlit by the rising sun, the posters almost have the luminescence of stained glass windows. Sitting in the lounge area one can almost imagine being in a modern church.

"People do not have to be pushed to come; they are naturally attracted," Pastor Demian said. One man, Jesse Yang, took his son to the movies one Sunday morning; the boy saw the fun activities, children coloring and playing games, and asked to join in. They have been coming back each week for a month now. Another guest, Mesha, who

was invited by Lorna Todd, brought her two children along. After attending Sunday school, her young son said, "Mommy, we've found our home."

"It is so satisfying to worship with entire families, ones that walk hand in hand on the heavenly path," explained Pastor Demian. "We want to offer many activities for families in the ministry. We want to make it easy for families to come to church. Just over a year ago, there were no more than twenty or thirty active members in Las Vegas. Now over a hundred members help fill the Rave Theater each Sunday, and we have room for more!"

Pastor Demian emceed the theater event. He stepped into the spotlight near the stage, where Sholina Pearson and Kenisha McDaniel were leading a dance to the music of Sonic Cult. The young family man, who has the charisma of a Las Vegas entertainer coupled with the warmth and sincerity of a mega-church preacher, wore a portable headset with a microphone. At the close of the service, he offered a prayer, after which we all reconvened for the Launch Party at Chinhwa Church, a home in a residential area. One-hundred fifty-seven people, including twenty-one guests, attended.



**Children from the Las Vegas church say Hi and send their love to you.**

At Chinhwa Church, cars were lined up the whole length of the block—there was only one spot open—and that had a sign on it, “Reserved for the Children’s Magician.” Inside the gates, there were three white canvas canopies over dining tables, a long potluck buffet featuring a roast pig, a table with desserts, and a beverage stand manned by Ted Igarashi in a white dress shirt and bow tie. Off to the side was a croquet course set up on the lawn.

After the last person had been through the buffet line, an announcement was made, “The magicians’ show will begin in five minutes, behind the house.” Georgette Dante, a newly appointed ambassador for peace, volunteered her magic show and delighted the children by blowing balloons into assorted animals. There were children’s activities too, organized by Hope Igarashi and her team—an Easter Egg Hunt, a Bounce House, Easter Egg coloring, a Bunny Piñata and a relay race.

Pastor Demian summed up the success of the theater premiere, “It is amazing that we pulled this all together in just over a month. We first went to LA<sup>3</sup> and checked out how they were doing it and then bought all the equipment we needed



Hope Igarashi speaks with Las Vegas church guests at the Rave Theater in Las Vegas.

and tested it out for three weeks. Las Vegas is so important because this is True Parents’ town. If we can be successful witnessing here, I think the idea for theater churches can take off in other cities and the world. In the meantime, members from all over America can feel confident to come here to witness.”

“There is unprecedented unity in Las Vegas. Rev. Weongeun Park, who leads the Korean language church here, is very supportive of Lovin’ Life Ministries,” Rev. Berg said. “In the future, we will have many different language ministries united under the same banner. The Korean program is the first unique language program for us here in Las Vegas. Koreans that recently joined have faithfully been coming to the Lovin’ Life Sunday service at the Rave Theater and other events.”

A year ago, many members had come through the doors of the “Peace Palace” on Bermuda Road<sup>4</sup> to pick up boxes of the

book, *As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen* to distribute throughout Las Vegas.<sup>5</sup> Members have given out a total of 120,000 of them in this city alone. The successful distribution of Father’s autobiography is the foundation for witnessing victory. Las Vegas is where the Won Mo boat was unveiled,<sup>6</sup> and where Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim blessed James Moon and Yoko Yamasaki in a special wedding celebration. It is where Jack Young picked up 4,000 books to distribute and just happened to meet International President Hyung-jin Moon and his wife Yeon-ah nim in a K-Mart Parking lot.<sup>7</sup>

Joseph Kesrawani, fifty, who taught at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas for seventeen years, is one of the first members to join as a result of the book campaign. He explained, “Two weeks after receiving a copy of Father’s autobiography at a Mexican supermarket, I met Sue Burghardt in Chinatown. Sue gave me my first lectures on Divine Principle in her home. Then I attended three Original Substance of Divine Principle workshops in New Jersey, Chicago and at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. There, Rev. Berg greeted me, saying ‘welcome home.’”

Pastor Demian and Rev. Berg are constantly thinking about witnessing results and are laying the groundwork to fulfill the goal of each person finding twelve spiritual children by Foundation Day. Las Vegas is the place to do it. Preparations are underway for each of the twelve districts in the United States to send a witnessing team for a week. They will be staying eight days, so that they can attend our Rave Theater Sunday broadcast twice. The focus in witnessing now is to “bring a friend to church.”

The second push to fill Rave Theater, on Mother’s Day, May 13, brought in eighty guests and eighty members as the audience. Hope Igarashi and Takako Brown organized most of the post-service entertainment next door at a theme restaurant called Ranch House Kitchen. Mothers received fresh flowers, and many door prizes were given—including one for the grandma with the great-

est number of children, which was seventeen. The Angels Chinese Choir performed and received Ambassador for Peace Certificates. Four war veterans in attendance received gifts, and one Vietnam War veteran, Rev. Rand Marshall of Yours Truly Ministries, received a medal from UPF and was appointed an ambassador for peace.

Sitting in the Ranch House Kitchen after a very successful event, Pastor Demian summed it all up, “It’s not about bringing someone to a perfect church, it’s about bringing someone to build a perfect world.” *SW*

*Stefan des Lauriers is a musician and writer living in Las Vegas*

training center plus some businesses

5 Members pay \$5 a copy

6 For more on this boat, which Father designed, see our September 2011 issue.

7 Mr. Young’s remarkable first-hand account can be found at: [www.tparents.org/Library/Unification/Talks/Young/Young-110822.pdf](http://www.tparents.org/Library/Unification/Talks/Young/Young-110822.pdf) To read this document, you may need to install Adobe Reader, a free program available for download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader>

3 The Los Angeles church also holds its Sunday services in a movie theater.

4 A large building with various functions, including the site for a new

# Hard Training in Life

*In Israel, boys and girls from the age of eighteen are called for compulsory army duty. The boys serve three years and the girls two. Several members of our second generation are currently serving and in this article they share how the difficulties they have encountered have helped them mature and even deepen their relationship with God. The contributors names have been changed.*



## Rachel

I am nineteen years old and have been serving in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) for over a year. As a child I had looked at soldiers with admiration. I now realize that this mission carries with it a great responsibility. One is confronted with many challenges. I also appreciate that this experience helps me mature and grow spiritually.

I had an experience right after my being drafted while walking along a street in Jerusalem. I passed a furious mother who was violently quarreling with her daughter. I froze in shock, not knowing what to do. The people around gave me disappointing looks as if to say that they expect a soldier in uniform to get involved and help, not just walk away.

That experience taught me that I have to live up to True Parents' guidance on living for the sake of others. So I determined to help older people or children in need whenever I can.

My training was extremely tough and lasted six straight months. Unfortunately, because of an injury, I became dependent on the help of my comrades in walking, and in all tasks at hand. My friends helped me, at times willingly and at times reluctantly.

I couldn't understand why God had made me a burden to my friends; after all, I am the one who is on God's side and is expected to help others. I was so frustrated. In the end, I realized that in any situation I have to give true love and reach people's heart regardless of any physical disability.

As time passed, I was able to discover inner strength that God gave me and that we as blessed children can make a difference and become a vehicle God can work through.

Two days before True God's Day 2012, I learned from my commander that I would not be able to go on leave as expected and would have all-night duty. I felt upset and angry, but I knew that I had no choice but to obey. A moment later, it came to my attention that my team



**Soldiers are not an uncommon sight in the picturesque streets of Jerusalem.**



**A weekend visit home for two of our contributors; here they say goodbye to their mother as they prepare to return to their duties.**

members would somehow not be provided with dinner. I dropped everything and quickly prepared a large meal for them. They were very happy and satisfied. A moment later, one of the team members who had been at odds with me and always gave me a hard time volunteered to replace me. I felt that through this miracle God gave me special encouragement.

God works in mysterious ways so my army experience has taught me that if I keep strong faith and love I can overcome any obstacle.



**Michal**

I joined the army fourteen months ago. I believe it is important to serve my country and give to others what my country has given me—the opportunity to live in a protected environment amidst a loving family.

Prior to my call to duty, I had reverence for soldiers. Perhaps it was because of their green uniforms or out of the desire to be one myself or

to feel mature and responsible. Now, when I use public transportation, people around me have a kind of look that says “we count on you.” As if—were the bus (God forbid) to roll over—I would know what to do because I am a soldier, and they can therefore travel in safety and comfort. It changed my attitude regarding looking for a bus seat. I now always prefer to stand and give my seat to old people or toddlers because they are safer sitting down.

I often strike up conversations with civilians, and it seems to me that they see me in a different light when I am in uniform because to them I represent the IDF. My duty requires me always to be available to assist my commander and always to strive for excellence in my performance. I believe that such discipline will contribute to my future civilian life as well.

Naturally, army life, where obedience is a must, is different

than civilian life. Being in the army is a matter of duty not of free choice but I try to look at it as following my conscience.

Honestly speaking there are times when I feel that I am treated in an unfair way and get upset. On such occasions, I call my mom to let things out. Though she always responds with “Please pray and try to realize why it happened,” this calms me down. I feel safer and reassured that God is with me.

I often travel by bus. One day, a friend suggested I use a different line to reach to my army base faster. I followed her advice, but in the middle of the ride, I suddenly had a strong urge to get off the bus. So, I did and I boarded another one. Minutes later, I received frantic calls on my cellphone from my commanders and my mom.

Apparently, the bus I got off had been blown up in an apparent terror attack. They called to find out if I was still alive. I was so shocked. I suddenly realized how much God loved me and that He had saved my life.

At times I was asked to carry out missions that seemed to be impossible in the given time by my commanders. On one hand it felt as if I am trusted by them but on the other that it is unfair to demand such things from me. However once I would decide to follow, all doors were open and it was like riding on a wave of green stoplights... Even all the people around me seemed to be so supportive and willing to help. At such times, I realized that actually it is not me but God speaking through me that attracted their support.

While in service I had discovered that I can represent God in different ways. Since my mission is not in the front line but rather behind the scenes, I have to excel in my dedication and commitment and invest hours of work. Rather than responding to physical challenges, I have to reach people’s heart using internal qualities, a task that couldn’t be fulfilled without God’s help and my central figure’s support.



**Uri**

How to wake up for hoondokhae? How to do conditions? How to find time to pray? How to be able to do all these things while being alone in the army, with no one to guide you in the right way? How to do them when you’re surrounded by all kinds of people—bad and good—and don’t even have time to yourself because you’re on an army schedule 24/7? Will I be

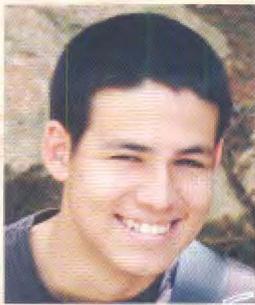
able to kill in order to protect my country, or to sacrifice my own life?

Yes, these questions are not easy to answer. Going into the army you need to be ready to give three years in the prime of your life to your country, to become a patriot.

I made up my mind to join the IDF and become a fighter. Right now I’m in a four-month Air Force boot camp.

I want to give the best of myself so I'm offering three years to my country as a condition in front of God. I'm trying to set an example, to be the most professional soldier and to help others.

It might seem as if you only give during your army service but the truth is that you learn so much. It's also a great opportunity to make friends and to witness to them.



### Roni

When I try to talk to people about my army experiences, I don't know where to start. I've changed a lot during this time.

Before the army, I was very quiet and almost never challenged myself in any way. I didn't try to communicate with the kids at school, or anywhere else. When I look at myself now, I see a different person. I went through

many experi-

ences in the army that changed my life and my faith.

My army course so far has been: four months boot camp, four months of advanced training, four months on a commander course and a year as a sergeant.

I'm serving as an infantry soldier. I went to a frontline unit so I could challenge myself. I felt that these hardships would help me mature.

During my time as a soldier, I have been able to practice some basic principles that we all know. For example, I could see and feel how the give and take principle truly works.

During one journey, I remember how exhausted I was. Right when I felt like giving up I saw one of the other soldiers who seemed like he was having an even more difficult time than I was.

I went to him and helped him despite my difficulty. After a while, I suddenly felt this amazing power and energy.

When you give something to someone else you never lose from that. In fact, you receive so much more. I found that's really true.

During this time as a commander I am learning what it takes to become a leader. I recognize that a real leader can move people by loving them, taking care of them, setting the example and being professional in what he does.

Most army commanders lead their soldiers by power and force, by punishing soldiers and using authority as their main tool. But this kind of leadership will never last long. I don't regret serving in the IDF. I feel that what I am learning through my army stint will help me in the future.

### Tal

I'm nineteen years old, and I've been serving in the army for a year and two months. I have ten months to go.



I know that it sounds a bit weird for a girl to be serving in the army, but in Israel, it's natural.

Before I started my army service, I had a goal in mind—to give everything I have to serve my country, but at the same time, to try to receive and learn from every experience. Serving in the army is a special experience, and through all the difficulties that I have experienced, I have learned very much.

The Israeli army has many different jobs for girls. I am serving in one of the most difficult (yet meaningful) of those jobs and one that not too many girls like to do. I am stationed at the Israeli border to stop anyone from invading the country or harming the soldiers or other citizens of Israel. As a part of my army service, I've had to face some difficult experiences that I have never had to face before, at least not personally. When I first started my job, it was very difficult for me. On the one hand, I witnessed attacks against Israel, and I had a role in preventing them. On the other hand, I saw people lose their lives in front of my eyes. The first time I experienced this kind of situation I cried very much. I was shocked. I was



**It is rare for the five second-generation members who sent their reflections to all be on leave at the same time.**

also angry at God for putting me in the middle of this conflict, when all I can do is watch.

Yet deep inside, I knew exactly why God had put me in this circumstance. I believe God is trying to show me just a small part of His sorrow and pain from seeing His children hurting each other—actually hurting Him more than anyone else.

When you face reality, when you see the wars that are going on, it's impossible to remain indifferent. If it wasn't for these painful situations, I wouldn't be able to understand how messed up our world is and how much work we have to do in order to fix it.

Taking the course that I chose isn't easy, but I hope to learn the most from it, to challenge myself, and to open my heart toward God. I'm proud to serve in the army, not as just as an Israeli soldier but as God's soldier, his representative with these goals in mind—to understand His heart, to change, to become stronger, so that in the future I will find a way to change the reality we live in. **SW**

# A Book Review

*No, They Can't: Why Government Fails—But Individuals Succeed*  
John Stossel; Simon & Schuster, 2012

By Anthony J. Guerra

John Stossel began his career in television as a devotee of Ralph Nader, whom he met at Princeton when Stossel was a student. He went on to win nineteen Emmy Awards during his more than two decades at ABC,<sup>1</sup> mostly for drawing attention to questionable conduct by corporations. A liberal might ask how such a smart fellow with all the right (that is leftist) instincts ended up so wrong, spouting libertarian ideas like that we're better off keeping government small and keeping laws simple enough that businesses have little to lobby about.

The answer is that Stossel is not only smart but he's honest, and in investigating the consequences of government actions he discerned an unmistakable pattern of more harm than good resulting. Stossel surprised his colleagues at ABC when he reported that following the elimination of the Civil Aeronautics Board<sup>2</sup> the predicted disasters did not occur; instead airline competition increased, leading to lower prices for consumers as several local airlines entered the marketplace. Likewise, the elimination of the Interstate Commerce Commission<sup>3</sup> and its control of trucking prices led to lower prices as competing trucking companies were able to set their own prices, resulting in lower prices for consumers on the tens of thousands of items shipped. Stossel was on the road to discovering that with government less is almost always more for people.

Stossel in *No, They Can't* employs an effective pedagogical device that challenges the unfounded presumptions of big government and people's unwitting affirmation of it. Every few pages, he pronounces "What Intuition tempts us to Believe" vs. "What Reality taught me" such as in "Government can 'get the economy moving again'" vs. "Government does not spend money better than individuals do." Not much reflection is necessary to realize that politicians spending other people's money will be less careful than individuals spending their own money. Politicians are concerned with preserving their own power and inevitably end up making many promises while reliably fulfilling only the ones that have some return for them. Healthy economies create productive jobs that increase wealth. Entrepreneurs have to risk their own money and respond to the needs and wants of their customers in a free market system if they are to become successful. State-controlled centralized economies have consistently failed and over-regulated economies sputter along

1 The American Broadcasting Company is a U. S. private television network that began operation in 1943 and is now owned by the Walt Disney Company.

2 The U. S. government created CAB in 1940 to supervise, develop and promote the airline industry. The 1978 Airline Deregulation Act led to CAB's 1984 closure.

3 This U. S. government agency was abolished at the end of 1995.



despite governments pumping obscene amounts of money into them as in the case of America under both Bush and Obama. The U.S. government's propping up big business and protecting it from the consequences of bad behavior has not and cannot improve the economy. One more of Stossel's false intuitions vs. reality sums it up: "Government officials act with the public good at heart." vs. "Government officials act in their self-interest just like the rest of us—but when they do, it's a bigger problem because the government's customers cannot take their business elsewhere." Even more enlightening is his distinction between capitalism and what he calls "crapitalism," where

big companies use their influence to manipulate the system. As government expands, big business spends more and more resources to curry its favor. Reality is counter-intuitive also with respect to government regulation, which incidentally big business often supports because such regulation is much more burdensome for smaller, start-up businesses, which may often offer better deals to the public, than it is for mega corporations. Big government curtails both free markets and the freedom of individuals.

In turning to health care, Stossel points to the fact that the American government has been interfering with the free market system for most of the twentieth century. Employers began buying health insurance for workers during World War II because government prevented companies from giving workers pay raises, so to reward good workers, health benefits were added. The government further abetted the practice by creating a tax code that treats employer-based health insurance more favorably than coverage individuals buy.

For most of my adult working life, I have received such company health benefits; as a result I have been much less considerate of the cost of health services received than other services or products that I pay for directly. Third-party payment destroys the shopping process that is central to a free market. Companies that offer Health Savings Accounts, where employers put cash into accounts that the worker controls and can draw upon to pay for medical costs, find the employees start asking how much things cost. Workers stopped going to emergency rooms when waking up with a stomachache at night.

From 1965, Medicare became the primary means of paying for health care of the old. Unfortunately, Medicare, which has a \$34 trillion unfunded liability, today resembles a Ponzi scheme that has current workers paying for the services of previous workers but is fast approaching the point where it is unsustainable. America is confronting a cataclysmic entitlement crisis brought about by political promises that cannot be fulfilled. Is

increasing government control of the health care industry going to improve the quality of care Americans receive? Stossel concludes that patients acting like consumers will not only help control the cost of health care but also improve quality.

Governments' insatiable appetite to control people is no more clearly evidenced than in its campaign to determine what people eat. Although only 10 percent of people need to worry about salt content in food, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has introduced a plan to impose legal limits on the amount of salt in thousands of products. The changes, we are told, are to be mandated so that consumers will hardly notice. Stossel rightly asks whether the government and its "food police" should be involved in this area of people's lives in the first place.

In New York City, the government launched a public awareness ad campaign against soda because of its sugar content, but the fact is that orange and apples juices contain just as much sugar as Coke. The assumption is that greedy corporations have no interest in the health of consumers who thus need to be protected. Stossel does not argue that corporations operate out of love and goodwill, but points out that when consumers demand it, even fast-food giants like Burger King and McDonalds have introduced healthier choices. Although some people might consider fast food unhealthy, this is not an adequate justification for taking the decision-making power out of the consumer's hands and ceding that decision making control to the government.

The unintended consequence of such government intervention is to slow the more effective self-correcting mechanism of the free market system. Totalitarian regimes assume that their decisions are always the best for all concerned. Stossel quotes a *Los Angeles Times* report of four police officers with guns drawn entering without warning a company known as Rawesome Foods to confiscate jugs of raw milk, which some Americans prefer to pasteurized milk. One critical difference between corporations in a free market system and government is that the former relies on persuasion and reputation while the latter can and does use lethal force.<sup>4</sup>

To be sure, America does not need more laws, whether concerning food or other areas of personal choice, even if it means individuals may sometimes make decisions that will cause themselves harm. Government should not coerce individuals to achieve its concocted ideal of perfection. One intuition that many continue to cling to is that "Public schools<sup>5</sup> are one of the best parts of America," but Stossel retorts that the reality is "Government schools are one of the worst parts of America." The Reading, Math and Science test scores of U.S. K-12<sup>6</sup> students have remained flat from 1970 to the present. During this time, the inflation-adjusted cost of K-12 public education has doubled. The reason, Stossel says, for the stagnation is not a mystery. K-12 education is a government monopoly and "monopolies don't improve." The current education system is averse to change and does not have the interest of its consumers at its center. Stossel quotes Albert Shanker, the late president of the powerful union, American Federation of Teachers, saying, "When schoolchildren start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of schoolchil-

4 Policemen rarely draw guns. A study of six U. S. police departments found that in arresting 7,512 people, a policeman displayed a handgun in 2.7 percent of the cases and discharged one in 0.1 percent. Police departments regard displaying a gun a use of force.

5 U.S. public schools are kindergartens, elementary schools and secondary schools operated and funded by state and local governments.

6 Kindergarten to the final year of secondary school

dren." The union-supported system of tenure prevents incompetent teachers from being fired and thus school administrators are powerless to improve the quality of schoolteachers, the most critical factor for student success. With respect to the much maligned charter schools<sup>7</sup>—70 percent of lottery winners<sup>8</sup> said their school was "excellent" compared to 38 percent of lottery losers. Why a lottery? Because unions and government collude to prevent the opening of an ample number of charter schools to accommodate all the families who wish to enroll their students. Stossel recalls that when the phone service was effectively a government monopoly "all phones were black and all calls were expensive." Only when there is unfettered competition in providing K-12 education will our children get the education they deserve and need to be contributing members of society.

Resonating with a deep American sentiment when running for the United States presidency, Ronald Reagan promised to "get government off the backs of people." More than thirty years later, Americans are witnessing an unprecedented expansion of government influence and control over virtually every aspect of human life. Confronting extraordinary economic and social challenges, many have been ready to relinquish individual responsibility in the expectation of political salvation. The problem that Stossel has exposed is that in relinquishing such responsibility, we ultimately diminish our freedom and the only capacity to resolve the very problems before us. No central planning committee is smart enough to solve the problems of humanity. Although professing the strongest skepticism regarding big government's ability to improve our world, Stossel strongly affirms that individuals and voluntary networks of private citizens can solve all sorts of problems. That is a time-tested idea that should be given another chance to prove once again its validity.

Unificationists may be disappointed that Stossel is a declared agnostic and leans towards a drastic curtailment of America's military role in the world. I would love for Stossel to have the opportunity to sit together with our international president and discuss theism as the more rational alternative to atheism. Up to this point it seems that Stossel has conversed on the topic only with Christian fundamentalists who believe that God created all things in six literal days. I would be equally delighted if Stossel could enjoy a conversation with the Tongil

Foundation chairman [Kook-jin nim] on the topic of the imperative of securing peace and freedom through a strong military. Both the international president and foundation chairman have been elucidating the founder's vision for Cheon Il Guk over the past few years. Their conclusions, while compatible with Stossel's affirmation of individual freedom and responsibility, lead to a comprehensive manifesto articulating the religious, political and economic dimensions of a truly liberated society. It would be great if we all had the opportunity to listen to those conversations. *JW*

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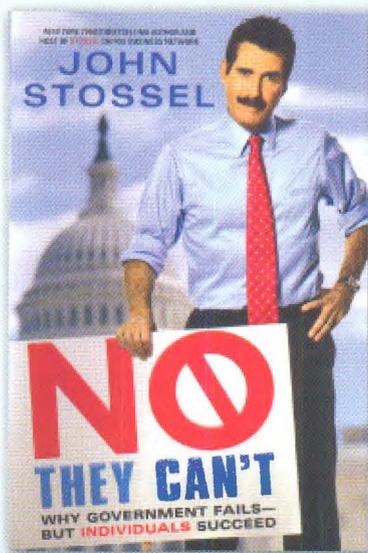
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7 A school that has a contract (charter) with a state or local government that permits it to operate (on the condition that it achieves specific student performance goals) with fewer restrictions than public schools (such as on selecting its curriculum and personnel); They receive government funding. Forty-one of fifty U. S. states have them.

8 For example, in the State of New Jersey, in 2012, 75 of 2,500 schools are charter schools. One charter school in Jersey City had nearly 1,000 students vying for thirty openings at this year's lottery.



# Unificationists around the World

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## Mozambique



Rev. and Mrs. Hwa-beom Lee, boonbongwangs to Mozambique, have been actively working in their mission country since the 1990s. In January, at the Ponta Vermelha Presidential Palace, Rev. Lee presented Mozambique's president, Armando E. Guebuza, with True Father's autobiography (Portuguese edition). Behind them is Rev. Augustine Ghomsi, head of UPF's southern Africa sub-region. Rev. Lee spoke about Father's work for global peace, including the significance of Father's meetings with Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il-sung. President Guebuza said that he could see that Rev. Moon's work is wide-ranging. "We can't speak of world peace while there is poverty, and when there is no education. I am happy to know that you are taking these into account." The president encouraged Rev. and Mrs. Lee to continue their work. The Lees presented 133 additional autobiographies as gifts for all the presidential palace staff members. *Right:* Rev. and Mrs. Lee share hoondokhae with Mozambique citizens in a local district.

## Nepal



*Left:* National leader Ek Nath Dhakal presenting True Father's autobiography to Gen. Kosh Raj Wanta, the Inspector General of Nepal's Armed Police Force. Next to Mr. Dhakal is Mr. Santosh Kumar Paudel, Secretary-General of UPF Nepal; Next to Gen. Wanta is Dr. Robert S. Kittel, education director of UPF Asia and Gen. Gyanendra Bikram Mahat, a retired deputy inspector general of the Nepalese Police, who is also an active ambassador for peace. *Right:* At the FFWPU Nepal National Training Center: Graduates of a twenty-one-day Unification Lifestyle Training Program at the closing ceremony. *Second row, seated:* National leader Ek Nath Dhakal (in a white jacket), beside Mr. Prakash Babu Thapa, president of World CARP Nepal (in a black suit). FFWPU Nepal is organizing workshops of this type once a month to educate students with True Parents' teachings.

## India



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**Left:** Graduates of India's third forty-day national mobile fund raising campaign (Seated: the acting national leader and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Krishna Adhikari) **Middle:** Appointment of ambassador for peace, Dr. (Mrs.) Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman, the director of United Nations Information Center for India and Bhutan during the **(right photo:)** Commemorative Event of International Women's Day in the UN Conference Hall, New Delhi.

## Albania

A European Leadership Conference was held in Tirana, the capital of Albania, with high-level participants. The theme of the conference was "The Role and Importance of Albanians for Lasting Peace in the Balkans." Three former presidents—Mr. Rexhepi Meidani and Mr. Albert Moisiu from Albania and Mr. Fatmir Sejdiu from Kosovo—participated and were very happy to be able to contribute to the work of the Universal Peace Federation.



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## Cameroon



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One hundred and twenty-nine villagers came to an Original Divine Principle for a Peaceful Nation workshop (April 16–18) at City Hall in Dibang. Lihinag Tam's family held the workshop as a tribal messiah activity. The first day's theme was God's Ideal of Creation. The participants, for whom the lecture material was quite unexpected, asked many questions, which were satisfactorily answered. The second day's theme was The Fall: Why and How was God's Ideal Left Unfulfilled? Questions came from all angles. Among many other things, people wanted to know why such truth had been hidden for so long. In the evening of the second day, the village pastor met the lecturer and asked him not to reveal so much truth, lest it cause the villagers not to follow the pastor's teachings after the workshop. To further everyone's understanding of the Divine Principle, we invited them to Yaoundé, our nation's capital, for a special workshop. The third day's theme was True Parents and the Blessing. The villagers asked who True Parents are and registered to buy *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. Twenty-five people registered for the next Blessing Ceremony and ten couples went through preparation for the blessing ceremony. We learned from this that the harvest is now abundant if we follow True Parents' instructions to fulfill the historic mission of tribal messiahs.

