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A photograph of a man in a brown coat and hat holding the hands of a young girl in a red dress. The man is looking down at the girl with a gentle expression. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with some structures.

LET US BECOME CHILDREN WHO REMAIN FAITHFUL UNTIL THE DAY OF VICTORY

Father gave this speech to members in Daegu, 235 km. (145 mi.) south-east of Seoul on Tuesday, April 14, 1964, during their third Divine Principle lecture competition. The beginning of the speech is missing because the quality of that section of the recording was too poor to transcribe.

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Mankind violated the global foundation that God had wanted to establish. We, today, must therefore be aware of the immense sadness God felt.

God's desperate heart when he set up historic figures such as Noah and Abraham cannot be expressed in words. God did not set up a historic figure to represent only a people. They were set up to take responsibility for the restoration of not only a people but also for the world. God chooses a central figure from a stance based on history, the era, the future and world history. However, if the chosen person errs, the foundation for global restoration is lost.

If such a mistake were committed, God would have to choose another figure from another generation in order to indemnify the mistake of the previous chosen figure by passing it on to the new figure. God chose people with such a sorrowful heart. We must, therefore, understand that whenever God had to choose a figure under such circumstances, he had to undergo infinite internal pain and external suffering.

In the Bible are parts that forbid us from making pledges. Why does the Bible say so? Furthermore, in conducting his providence, why did God not teach mankind a clear boundary concerning the responsibilities a person can take? You must understand the sorrowful heart God had for not being able to teach this to mankind.

Let us say that a person pledges, I will take this and that responsibility and will complete them within a particular time.

If this person fails to keep his word, the person's failure becomes God's failure. In addition, it becomes the failure of the person's descendants and that of humanity today. Even the purpose of history, in connection to this mistake, becomes a failure.

When it comes to setting up people and conducting the providence, God should be receiving pledges. Yet, he is in a position where he has not been able to do that. Even though he can teach everything and give advice, he has not been able to do so. Can you imagine how great God's predicament has been as a result? You must understand this.

Therefore, when it comes to people that are loyal to God's will, God, more than anything else in the world, wants to live for the sake of such people, wants to boast about them and wants to give everything on earth and in heaven to those people. Unfortunately, God could not do that. Why? When God chooses and sets up a loyal person, the particular standard God aspires for must be established completely by and only by the standard that God gave to the person. However, the love God bestows is global love; hence, no matter how loyal a person may be, God cannot give anything to the person, even if he wanted to, until the person completely realizes this standard. Therefore, we should be able to attend God, who has been working with heartrending sorrow. We should be able to know God, who has been relating to us with so much pain in his heart.

Then, in what kind of place will we meet God today? This is the problem. Where will you meet God? Most people desire to meet God in a glorious world, in a world filled with happiness and a blessed place where heaven and earth is bestowed on them and they exercise governance over them. This has been the typical desire and hope people have had until now. However, one cannot meet God in such a place.

Where we truly meet God

For instance, let us say a father is building a big house. Neither is this father rich nor has he abundant house construction materials. However, he completes the construction after going through all kinds of difficulties; now he has a house everyone envies. On this great day, the father would reflect on his past and think of the difficulties he experienced. The happiness the father feels on this day would be in proportion to the degree of difficulties he had faced; the greater the difficulties, the greater the happiness he feels. His children, however, did not help their father during those hard times; they did not understand their father and distanced themselves from him instead. Now let us say that these children join their father to celebrate this great day together. How would the father treat his children? Would he say, "You are the children I love, so please join me in this celebration today?" On the contrary, he would reminisce on his sorrowful past upon seeing his children. Even if the children were to regret not having helped their father, we already know that they would cause the father much



True Parents with Hyo-jin nim, celebrating his first birthday on April 17, 1964

pain and sadness on that great day.

In order to complete the purpose of the entire providence, God, just like this father, immensely suffered and went through infinite pain as he advanced the providence. Unfortunately, the numerous people in the position of children did not collaborate with God. As God overcame hills of difficulties, one after another, he hoped that mankind would work with him. God needed companions.

God cannot surmount those hills without companions. God cannot go beyond a hill representing an individual cross

without the companionship of people. In the same way, he cannot go over hills representing a family, a people, a national or a global cross without a companion. God, who is carrying the responsibility of the global cross, cannot go over this hill without a sacrificial substantial being that invests maximum effort with the determination to fulfill his or her filial duty toward God. We must therefore know that God has been hoping for sons and daughters who can work with him because of such a course of restoration.

Someday the purpose of restoration will conclude and God's will for the providence will be realized. When that happens, the day God can truly feel happy will come. How would God feel when he ushers in this day? Not only would he look pathetic from the numerous hardships he had to go through but he would also look wretched and miserable from the pain he received as he suffered by bearing millions and trillions of crosses. You must understand that God had to go through this process in order to welcome this day.

If you are to join him on this day, you must be able to feel God's heart-rending sorrow as he underwent hardship all throughout history in order to usher in this one day, to liberate all human beings and to enable human beings to have happy lives, even if you did not directly collaborate with God's work.

You must ready your hearts to weep and be contrite in front of God who has ushered in this day. You should feel angry and repent saying, Why didn't I get to know you? How was I unaware of your worried heart?

If you truly repent about your past lives, a condition for God to sympathize with you may materialize. In other words, you should not join God on this great day if you do not have such a heart. That explains the Bible verse, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."¹

We are heading forward in order to meet God. Everyone hopes to meet a God of joy; however, we should never forget that God had to go through all kinds of hardships and sorrow to appear as the God of joy.

What God did you attend as you followed the path toward the crucifixion? You should be able to do anything to share in God's sorrow when he is sad, comfort him when he is lonely, lament over his misery, comfort him for the persecutions he suffered, and do everything to carry the cross along that path

¹ Mt 7.21

instead of God. If such sons and daughters exist, God will call them and set them up in front of the entire creation and the entire universe when this joyful day is ushered in. Instead of making this joyful day his, he would want to make it into his children's. We must be able to understand that this expresses God's heart.

God has been looking for such sons and daughters for this reason and has been hoping for siblings, families, nations the world and the cosmos² to fill with such children. As people who understand this and stand on the frontline of restoration work, we must know the immensity of the responsibility we carry. To become children that attend such a God, humanity must desire to attend God and we must treat all human beings as brothers and sisters. Become models in attending God and set up at least a condition by which humanity can comfort God and have the desire to dissolve God's sadness. A person with those qualities is God's son or God's daughter.

Toward the day of accomplishment

No greater prize, hope, praise or happiness is possible than when meeting God. When God comes to me when I am sad, that meeting place is one of infinite happiness. To go to the position where God suffers and meet him there is to be in a place of infinite happiness.

When Jesus died on the cross, God came down to the cross and heavenly soldiers and angels bowed their heads, participating in the sorrow. However, Jesus knew that God overcame internal pain in his heart to usher in the day and

2 The Korean term, *천주*, for which we use "cosmos," refers to the physical and spiritual worlds combined.

set Jesus up in that position. He was well aware of how great God's sorrow was as a result of God's having no other choice but to send Jesus to that place. That is why Jesus prayed, "My Father.... not as I will, but as you will."³ Through this, Jesus understood God's internal heart and established the standard of that heart on earth.

Therefore, we do not meet God only in joyful circumstances. To meet God in sad circumstances is truly meeting God. We must be able to comfort God in sorrowful circumstances, protect him realistically and in his place eliminate the environment of the cross. What God, who has been looking for his children, has been hoping for is that. We can understand that position after God has realized everything.

Everyone looks forward to the time God will call his sons and daughters and usher in this joyful day after having accomplished everything; however, God desires to meet people in wretched circumstances, which is not an aspect that all people desire. Today, as you follow the path of restoration, you must bear in mind that you live to attend God. No matter what happens to the world—one's environment, one's body one's circumstances—you must be determined to attend God and think that it is your fate.

No one on earth has fought hard with a mind determined to resolve the sorrow and resentment that our ancestors, who had betrayed God, carried alone. Therefore, God is trying to save human beings who are becoming Satan's prisoners. In other words, God is protecting us from Satan's arrows. You must be able to experience this truth.

3 Mt 26.39



On March 2, 1964, True Parents, Ye-jin nim, and Hyo-jin nim with Anthony Brooke, the British former king of Sarawak, who was briefly enthusiastic about our movement.

When receiving an award at a particular church event or receiving praise for something, you must not delight in it. You must understand that God, who relates to the countless people on earth and in heaven, desires to bless all people. You must think of creative ways that can enable all people to receive blessings. You must be able to say, "Even if I have something worth praising, I do not want to receive any praise. I still have to head forward because the path of restoration is still not completed. I hope to see God happy and God's face filled with smiles on the day his will is achieved."

There is no higher prize, hope, praise or joy than seeing God. Only a person who has followed this path can be called a person who has fulfilled the responsibility of a true devoted son. Hence, we all act, walk and fight in order to meet God. Wouldn't sadness exist along the path over which we remove all crosses in front of humanity and comfort God's sorrowful heart? This path is the course of restoration on a global level. You should yearn to meet God. God's hope and intention is my hope and intention; the path God wants to follow is the path I must follow.

How God views humanity

You must be able to experience God's sorrowful heart when mankind became separated from God six thousand years ago because of the Fall. Looking back on our history, full of sorrow and resentment, we realize that humanity has been groaning in sorrow. However, we must realize that God has been suffering in more sorrow than has humanity from seeing human beings acting sinfully within the satanic realm.

How did our ancestors end up forming a history with so much sorrow and resentment? Has there been anyone who

grieved over the fury and injustice of this history or anyone who fought alongside God against this historical resentment? From the beginning, God and our good ancestors have fought against this resentment. I was born to convey the tradition of God and the good ancestors. I was born to convey that ideology and thought. Hence, you must have a heart yearning for this new world. Whenever you look at the wretched reality, you must realize that God had to carry the responsibility to pave the way in this unfortunate and wretched reality. So this way was God's path.

When you see something sad, you must be able to feel the heart of God who had shed tears before the person suffering in sadness. When you go to a certain city to witness, you must be able to ask with tears welling in your eyes, "Where am I going, Father? What kind of person will I meet? Will I meet Satan? I will go as your child and take responsibility over the district. I will advance as your soldier. I will go to preserve the duties of true life." You should be able to have that attitude. You must be able to pave the true way.

The weeds within the satanic world must be pulled out. Based on the victorious condition you establish on earth, you make them into people of Heaven and must be able to offer those results. We are now living in an age when words such as offering God an entire city can come true. Hence, you must desire, representing this people, to save people that can become offerings through your efforts. When God relates to a person, he does so from this perspective. Externally you may look insignificant and valueless, but from the internal perspective that admires God's heart, your every move carries grave significance.

For 120 years, Noah was completely loyal to God, going



On December 16, 1964, True Parents, Ye-jin nim, Hyo-jin nim and church members seeing off the first missionary to Japan, Rev. Choi Bong-choon (to Father's immediate right) who had started his mission there in 1958.

up a mountain regardless of what people thought. These acts of Noah's became a condition by which eternal happiness could be returned to Heaven. Even though he worked alone and shed sweat, his hard work, from the perspective that the grieving world has been hoping for that one day of liberation, brought about indescribable happiness. God comes to mankind with such a hopeful heart and tells us to prepare for that one day of hope.

For whom are you following this path? It is to meet God. How should you follow this path to meet God? You must start with God, go with God and live in a place you want to stay with God.

Have we ever been able to meet God or attend God in our lives? We have not been able to attend God in our lives. God, however, is not one who has eschewed the world. He is working to save the unfortunate people in the world and the numerous children, moaning within the bosom of the enemy. God has been conducting his pioneering mission in this death-like world for this one joyful day. You must therefore be able to have the conviction that you are living in such an arena. You must not only live with such conviction, you must also have the heart to live a life that brings the enemy to submission and resolves God's resentment and sorrow. Only people who live and fight with such a mindset can meet God and attend God in their lives.

God gives our lives value

If you meet God after you have worked hard and achieved a certain goal, God lawfully becomes your authorized Father. For this reason, you must live and attend God within the living realm of coexistence with God, even in places where you shed blood and tears. You should be able to work with God, fight with God, eat and live with God.

God's cross does not sadden him, because he does not live self-centeredly. He lives for all people and for his children. Therefore, you must not feel sad because of your cross and must not live for yourself. You must live for all people.

Therefore, in the process of following God's will, you must not feel grateful and happy alone regarding opportunities ahead of you and welcoming environments. Instead, whenever you come across that type of environment, you must be able to yearn for those days when you tearfully prayed in front of God in narrow and gruesome places. By doing so, God can dwell with you. The more you advance in this manner, the more you will find helping hands and help from prophets. God dwells in such places. The time you work

under such circumstances will remain valuable throughout your lives.

When you pledge that you believe in God, you will long for those days when you appealed to God in gruesome places and held on to God with the conviction that you have not come all this way alone and will certainly not fail. Whenever I faced an ordeal through which I confronted Satan, I pledged in front of God and prayed with an earnest heart. Despite my circumstances, God could only comfort me; he could not teach me or accept my pledge. How miserable would God, who had no other alternative, feel? Let us say there is a person that had been completely loyal but then betrays God. God cannot even say, "Hey, why have you betrayed me?" You must be able to understand this sorrowful heart of God's. That we have now met this sorrowful God is precious, but to meet God in joy, we must become his companions until we meet him in joy. Our



On December 16, 1964, True Father with Ye-jin nim and Eu Hyo-won, the first church president, sending off Rev. Choi Bong-choon (center)

eventual meeting would then become completely natural.

Today, we are directly attending God within our lives, taking actual action and fighting against Satan. We must feel infinitely joyful for living in this age and having such a bond. The work we are presently conducting is significant work that can affect the pride of a people. The world today is spiritually under confusion. However, we have received the incredible benefits of being able to change the world by living in this age.

You must be able to experience great satisfaction over having chosen this path to making such a world and that you are paving the way and shedding blood and sweat for it. I know you have all come here to experience it. Regular people all run away once they understand that there is no support whatsoever that protects us in everything.

Be confident, win the final battle

If Satan chooses you for his work, and you start a particular task, a guardian will take all responsibility to support you and will take care of all your living issues. This is what people in the satanic world do.

When they see us take on suffering, they pity us. God is well aware of that, but cannot take any responsibility behind the scenes. How broken and sad would God's heart be? You must be able to go ahead no matter what difficulties you face and help all exhausted members to move ahead too. How sorrowful would God, who is well aware of your difficult situation, be? You must be able to put the environment in order by not giving up. This is the type of person God desires.

The more serious and the grimmer the stage on which is waged the final battle, the more God will guarantee its historic value. From this perspective, we realize that God is backing us up in order to give us heaven and earth.

You and I each have responsibilities within our respective fields in the Unification Church. I carry responsibilities within my field and you have responsibilities in yours. Hence, when it comes to responsibilities, our circumstances are the same. However, a big difference exists regarding aspects of our lives and the field in which we conduct our missions. In the same way, the field in which God conducts his providence differs greatly.

God has not failed. He does not take his fight to bring Satan to submission lightly. He is continuously fighting. He cannot stop this fight, even if a people or all humanity does not fight. God continues because he can set up many members around the world if he can set up one family and he can set up a people if he can set up a tribe. That one finds a way to survive if only a center is set up is consistent with natural law.

If a center flourishes, others flourish alongside it. Such principled standard must be set up and expand starting from a family to a nation and the world. Hence, the family should push forward based on this cosmic principle. In this way, a plus and minus automatically form.

It is the same when relating to God's will today. Based on this principled standard, I have to strike satanic world traditions. Being more important, more thorough and more complete than the satanic world, I will attack the resentment-filled history. You are the ones who must do this work with me.

You must be able to say, "The pain inflicted on mankind must end within my time. I am certain we can win this ongoing fight on the Korean Peninsula." Are you all confident you can do that? The fight into in which we are pour-

ing our dedication is a battle that we must fight with all our strength despite the miserable circumstances. It is the final decisive battle. Historically, the world went through numerous rises and falls, but our battle must become the very last in history. This resentful history must come to an end.

The path of a devoted child

You must advance because the day will come when victory will be won in the final battle to put this sinful world back in order. You must advance because the final ordeal of this battle centered on God will come. You must advance because the final ordeal of the battle for the tribe will come. You must advance because the final crisis of the battle for the people will come. If you cannot partake in this battle, how much sorrow and resentment would you feel? How resentful and sorrowful would you feel if you do not win this battle, nor wave the flag of victory, nor rule the world?

You should hope in your hearts for that one day of victory. You must fight to usher in that day. Victory does not simply come without fighting for it. You must undergo a fight with the determination to live or die, to perish or survive.

In the process of this actual battle, what have you done to carry the individual cross? What have you done to carry the family cross? Do you know how much God had to fight, how sorrowful he was, how heartbroken, and how much he had to struggle to go beyond this hill? This hill of sorrow could not be overcome within a generation.... The Unification Church must be able to overcome the heartrending hill of resentment God has tried to go beyond throughout six thousand years of history within one generation. In the future, the enemy of the individual will disappear from world history. The enemy of the family, the tribe and the nation will all disappear from world history.

Under these circumstances, one must be able to fight together with God while attending God. You have been studying the Divine Principle but you have not been able to fulfill your responsibilities. The Principle and your lives have been two separate entities.

Today, something divine is unfolding in front of us as we advance and hold the first flag of victory in relation to this people. Now that I have offered my blood and flesh to God, you must advance with the determination to defeat the enemy camp completely, for that one glorious day.

Even if this takes ten years, a hundred years or your entire life, you must be determined to go forward at all cost. The problem now is how completely loyal we are. It is not a matter of whether the city of Daegu accepts us or not. In other words, the problem is whether we are completely loyal or not. It is not about receiving something or not. Whether we have more members or not is not the problem. The problem is how much our members have given. When giving, you must give to the extent that the recipient would want to reciprocate.

You have understood God's will and have shown true loyalty in your three-year course. While working for God's will during those three years, you probably saw many disappointed people that blame others. However, once God becomes present in their minds, they will change. The pain that they received and their fight against world-level suffering is all for that one victorious day.

The true path of a devoted child is one on which you lead a valuable life, wanting to attend God and move closer to God. Do you understand? Let us all start anew as though today were the first day. *TW*

The Path to Unity for the People of the World



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department

Mother delivered this message to Malaysian Members of Parliament (pictured on page 11) on 9.5 (October 9) at Cheong Jeong Gung.

Humanity's hope is also the hope of our Heavenly Parent. All throughout history, mankind strived for a world of peace that has no conflicts. Yet, this has been difficult to realize. A world of peace cannot be achieved only by one person's or one nation's efforts.

The path to unity between brothers and sisters around the world can be made only if the True Parents, the root of humanity, substantially come. True Parents are the solution to all humanity's problems. However, why did their coming take this long? In order to understand this, you need to spend some time studying the Principle of the Family Federation for World Peace.

What I can confidently say is that True Parents have substantially come after six thousand years. I believe that you will awaken if in the future you study history and the Principle.

I understand that there are twenty countries in Asia. However, they cannot all become one through just the efforts of one nation. When one country joins hands with another and becomes two, their power also becomes stronger. This power greatly increases when three, four, five or more countries come together. The more we come together, the more thoroughly we can create the environment.

That is why I invited you here today. I would like to say to you all on this occasion is that it is necessary for you to learn the teachings of the Unification Church, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, which is leading the world providence with the Holy Spirit and the truth, in order to become national leaders that can lead Asia from the forefront.

A hundred years ago, a great poet from India, Rabindranath Tagore,¹ wrote about Korea, "And the lamp is waiting to be lighted once more for the illumination in the East."

However, he wrote this poem at a time when Koreans had no country. Light refers to the truth and this indicates that it is a country to which the true owner can come. Thank you. **JW**

¹ Rabindranath Tagore (1861–1941); His four-line poem, which appeared in 1929, was said to have encouraged many Koreans that sought freedom from Japanese oppression. Tagore had won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913.





Love and Restoration

This was Mother's message at Cheon Jeong Gung on 8.27 by the heavenly calendar (October 1) following hoondokhae.

October is the month of liberation and hope. Today is the first day of October. We should be able to proudly report each day of our lives in front of Heaven. I report my daily life to Heaven in the same manner. Before I begin to do something, I report it first. I say I am about to start something for this or that reason, please bestow on me the wisdom to do so. I am a mother. A mother does not take the side of only one son. Do you know that? This is common knowledge in the world. You are indeed deeply blessed. Being able to meet me alone shows how blessed you are. You must grow. Aju!

We receive 200 percent of necessary nutrients for the body and soul through hoondokhae. Am I right? Doesn't it invigorate you? We should not keep it to ourselves; we should be able to disseminate it. After doing hoondokhae, your day must be one of sharing. Your life should be able to bring new life to others. You must be able to yield fruit. Having worship services that transcend religion is good. You must clearly teach people that they must attend True Parents and advance. All religions, ideological groups or institutions have great people, but all of them are advancing towards one goal, which is to attend True Parents. There cannot be many religions in one world of peace, a united world. We must attend only True Parents. You must push forward in this manner. You must speak out in this manner. You must teach that this is the only way to have true freedom and peaceful unification.

You have probably heard about second-generation leaders being educated down the hill¹ just now. This education is essential for this age. All first-generation and second-generation educators must become one. We must become one and the tribe, people and nation of an individual must be united. We are living in an age of equality. No matter what position you may be holding now, your hearts should all be ready to unite.

Do you know that True Father chose the United States instead of Korea in order to achieve global restoration? That is why he worked hard in the United States for thirty-four years. This was because human civilization throughout the world was influenced by Christianity. In addition, the United States of America was founded based on the great Christian spirit of Puritans and

¹ She is referring to the top gun workshop at the Cheongpyeong training center.

the Pilgrim Fathers to worship God. That is why Heaven held them and set them up. Today, the United States leads the world despite its short two hundred years history.

In those days, they lacked the ship technology we possess today. Hence, you can imagine their hearts, risking their lives in order to find freedom of religion on a new continent. Even though food ran low onboard the ship, the Pilgrims kept some seeds aside thinking of the future after they landed. Upon landing, the first thing they did was build a church where they could serve God and a school through which they could educate their descendants. It was only after they finished constructing these that they built their own houses. Heaven regarded their effort as precious, cherishing and embracing the United States in love as he set it up as a nation. The United States was supposed to embrace the world, but was falling ill. Hence, True Father went on a speaking tour of all fifty states in the early days of our church. In his speeches, he said he had come as a doctor because America had become ill. He said that America was on fire, suffering indescribable pain at seeing its youth wasted through involvement with drugs and that he had therefore come as a firefighter. He aimed his efforts at saving the United States.

Why was True Father trying to save America? It was because he had come as the True Parents and had to embrace the world. In addition, the era prepared to welcome the Messiah had been ushered in, but all countries were unaware of it. We are not siblings meant to fight with one another. Don't we have to meet the parents, whom we have awaited for six thousand years to attend in true love? Don't you have to unite once you listen to your parents' teachings? The United States was the nation that played an intercessory role.

After 1975, True Father dispatched missionaries to the world from three nations including the United States, Europe, with the majority from Germany, and Japan. While dispatching missionaries, Father also educated leader-types that would lead the United States. It was then that Father first called the group "top gun." This group might today be called an elite unit, a group that educated key figures. Those in this group are in their sixties or seventies now. Some participants are in their eighties now. Unfortunately, the second-generation realm that is to carry on this tradition is weak. That is regrettable. What should we do about it? If I also give up, your future will end up being miserable too. We will not live for eternity anyway. The spiritual world is our hometown. Earthly life is a time when we should equip ourselves with all the conditions needed to go to our hometown. However, we seem incapable of being part of the center, even on earth and are too self-absorbed.

You must all become devoted sons or daughters of True Parents at all costs. Do you understand? You should also unite with your brothers and sisters through true love. Don't parents actually worry more about a half-witted child? Aren't they more concerned about that one? They worry more about the less capable child than the capable one. You have all raised children. You all probably relate to this heart. Please do not justify fights in the name of True Parents in front of us. Have a greater heart. If you could set up your brothers and sisters, give them opportunities, our foundation, our assets would grow. People are also assets. The deep connection that closely binds us as a true family centered on True Parents is something none but us have.

This deep connection has formed for the first time after six thousand years. We should be able to show that proudly in our lives. How much have you proudly showed it off? If True Parents are removed from the church, the school or the institutions, they do not have any existence anymore. One most

precious treasure that others—society, other organizations, the government—does not have is True Parents. You are True Parents' children. Once this era passes, those in the next era will greatly envy you. How great everything becomes will depend on how wide, deep and high an environment you create centered on God's will. Do you understand?

We must be able to follow the good points of our brothers and sisters. Don't we all have one goal—one world, a unified world under God, under our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind? Do you understand? As we look ahead to 2020, don't you think it is time for us to oil our efforts even more? Don't you think we should accelerate our efforts? How can we achieve what we could not do for forty years within the remaining six years? We should work on creating an environment and do so with more effort than the president or government of your country. We have immense spiritual power. Don't you feel it? You must become people that can feel it.

That is why I am training second-generation top guns. Father did the same. After he made the determination to follow this path, Father made the goal to have complete control over himself before desiring to rule the cosmos. You are all familiar with Father's personality. Imagine how hot-blooded he would have been when he was young. This shows us how much Father had to restrain himself for the liberation of God, the salvation of humanity and the providence of restoration through indemnity.

Some leaders are also here. Do not be conceited for having high positions. You must be able to look down and look to the side. From this perspective, I am once more making the preparations needed to equip ourselves. The time for us to practice the faith by which we were loyal to Heaven and a life of living for the sake of others through true love has come. This is how you can gain moral excellence for your children and for your descendants. True Parents have been living in this manner. Why can't we follow them as children? When it comes to the whole, you must all become one in front of the will that everyone desires accomplished, no matter how high or low your positions are. Only by doing that can all discontent and complaints disappear, and our neighborhood, society and world become happy and free. Do you understand?

You may face difficulties at this very moment, but I would like to ask you to think bigger. Please think big. We have waited for True Parents for six thousand years. One year has passed since Father ascended; you must be able to live a life clearly testifying about True Parents. I can also go to the spiritual world at any time. Think of how pitiful mankind, which comprises more than seven billion people, is. They live in the same age as True Parents, yet they do not know them and live in difficulty, wandering around without hope. These people are your brothers and sisters. Do you understand? Show pride and dignity of being True Parents' children to those closest to you first. Dignity... Instead of feeling proud about eating well and wearing good clothes, we should be proud of having the most precious and the best gems among all true gems. Though you have this most precious gem, you have not been proud of it. Don't you all like gems? Do you understand? You must witness hard. You must make sure that every person without exception in your neighborhood knows about True Parents. You must be able to show it. Leaders are important, but it is also important that each of you and your families make the determination to achieve everything within this generation. I hope that today is the day you and your families push forward and make this determination. **TW**



Do Not Be Like the Ten Forgotten Ones

These are True Mother's remarks at the opening ceremony of the top gun workshop, which she initiated and organized for especially dedicated members, at Cheon Jeong Gung on 8.19 (September 23).

I have called you all here in order to honor Father's will. I hope that all of those in this era, all of you who have lived with me in this era, become historic figures. Let us look at Joshua and Caleb. Were they the only ones that went out exploring? Twelve people had been assigned that task. What happened to the other ten? They were not remembered through history. Only Joshua and Caleb remained. I have called you all, proud members of the second-generation realm who have inherited one hundred percent of True Parents' tradition, with the heart and hope that you become central figures of this age.

All of you are conducting public lives. Is that right? For this reason, I cannot keep you here for too long. That is why the workshop has been set for twenty-one days. Some of you might have to do even forty days. The reason Cheongpyeong is an ideal site is because it is the only place that you can empty yourselves and achieve unity with Heaven. I wanted to give you the opportunity to rearm yourselves with the Principle, listen to new lectures on True Parents' course and become spiritually brighter, by yourselves.

As Father embraced God's will, youthful passion was an aspect about which he was careful. That is why he set up the goal to perfect dominion over himself before wishing for dominion over the universe. You have probably heard from Father himself regarding how he would pray for hours, denying his body after setting up this goal. Right? This applies to you, too. I am not going to hit your bodies, but I hope that you realize that yourselves. I am asking you to train yourselves and to reach body-mind unity.

After accepting God's will at the young age of seventeen, Father's course as he pioneered the way was an indescribable one, filled with blood, sweat and tears, a course in which his life was always at risk. He could not comfortably rest for even a day or a moment and could not eat properly until he turned forty. He threw away everything and followed the one path to realize God's will even under such circumstances.

The 1960 Holy Wedding marked the start of True Parents' providential course. Can you imagine that one moment when True Father, who knew everything, had to end the entire indescribable course True Parents had followed without yet having proclaimed

Foundation Day in 2013? Do you realize that he had no other choice but to trust us with everything and go to the spiritual world? If you were alone, you might invest moderate efforts. However, you have children; you have descendants.¹ I hope you can all experience what True Parents felt.

It is faster to solve issues that arise with your children when you take charge of the problem yourself. However, it takes time if you try to find a solution through someone else. You must understand how precious this very moment, this very time, is.

I also like Joshua and Caleb. They were both descendants of noble families. They were loyal to Heaven for over eighty years. Caleb, from his perspective, lacked nothing. Yet, he united with Joshua. Instead of bragging about himself, he elevated Joshua first. This restored the Cain-Abel relationship and formed the foundation that enabled the Messiah to come to earth amidst the Israelites.

I have been thinking a lot about our leaders these days, and I feel that a culture by which leaders can love and brag about each other hasn't been established. We must be able to love and take care of each other more than any other external groups, because we are True Parents' children. We must be completely different. However, we are weak in this respect. I pondered on the cause.

I want to create new environments through you from now on. Do not seek only to get higher positions, but try to live for each other's sakes, nurture each other and be proud of each other. If you can do that, everyone can grow. On the other hand, no development awaits an individual or a group that is self- or group-centered and thinks of itself as being well-off and the best. You must understand this. As you followed the Unification Church, some people have had to leave for particular reasons, but even those people that had to leave the church

¹ This sentence accurately reflects the Korean. In English, we use "descendant" only for a relative of someone that has died.

all say they love Parents. However, some people say that they left the church because of a particular member. This is a point you must correct. You are children who should resemble the parents. Yet, if you leave for self-centered reasons and live for yourselves, you will shrink and become smaller. On the other hand, if you live for the sake of others, you grow and develop. Which would you chose?

You must ensure that no one suffers pain because of you. As people who save lives, you must not kill any lives. I am talking about people now. You should embrace all siblings, members—all people; ensure that no one leaves the Unification Church because of you.

You must do everything you can to set this people, this nation, in front of Heaven and restore the world. Right? The center must stand firm. If you can accomplish that, how proud an accomplishment would that be? However, this cannot be realized with only one person. It can be achieved only if you join hands and accomplish twice, three times, four times, ten times or one hundred times more that you have.

You should never forget how important the age we are living in is and who enabled you to live such a life. True Parents enabled you to have such a life.

In 1975, True Father chose missionaries from the United States, Germany and Japan and dispatched them across the world. The global mission history itself is reaching its fortieth year already. Global missions... The Japanese mission is almost fifty-five years old. Only a few have remained until now, but it is also true that they are making great contributions. True Father, centered on the United States, created then what we can call today an elite troop. He gave it a special name, educated the members of the group and gave them responsibilities, but they did not fulfill all their responsibilities. Have you ever heard of the term "top gun?" Will you become the top guns of the new providential era? [Applause] **JW**



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Unite and Be Victorious

True Mother gave this message to the top gun workshop participants on 9.5 by the heavenly calendar (October 10) at Cheon Jeong Gung.

What kind of day is it today? In the beginning, you used your sense of sight and then your sense of taste for the luncheon. What follows next? It is time for you to listen attentively. Did you all enjoy lunch? Do you feel invigorated? To conduct a life in which you must speak a lot is not easy. Am I right? Don't you all speak a lot? I am living every day as if it were a thousand years and as if a thousand years were a day. We made a promise in front of Heaven. Can you truly feel what I am experiencing when I say that a thousand years feel like a day?

Our dedication and efforts must return glory and joy to Heaven and actually establish the day that Heaven can be proud of. As people living on earth, this is the only way you should go. We are in a time when you should fulfill your responsibilities.

I worried a lot for several days. We now have only six years left until the day that we promised to offer to Heaven comes. Hence, we cannot afford to just ascribe our present efforts to trial and error. We must have something practical to show. We must have results. We must yield fruit. Only by doing so can our descendants feel assured and can we open the way.

I emphasized this in the beginning. When it comes to advancing with the Holy Spirit and the truth, you must clearly be able to help others know about True Parents, which is what humanity and Heaven wish and hope for. This path alone can sort out this complicated present era. Members of Parliament from Malaysia paid a visit to Cheon Jeong Gung and I told them that two countries joining hands for world peace can play a bigger role than one country alone and that three countries can take a bigger role than two countries and so forth.

If the twenty countries in Asia come together under one heart and one will, Asia would be able to embrace the world. However, you need to know about the Divine Principle and the Unification teachings. You need to know about True Parents. There is no other way to resolve religious conflicts, political, territorial and racial problems occurring around the world except by attending True Parents. Attending Parents is the only way.

After World War II, Heaven set up the United States and established democratic sibling countries around the world. The United States was victorious at the end of World War II, together with the Allied Forces. However, it did not enslave Japan, a defeated nation, but helped it instead. It helped Japan develop economically. We can conclude that Japan could have this benefit because of True Parents, because the returning Lord had come.

I will speak about this truth during my upcoming speaking tour of Japan. Uniting under True Parents is the only way that humanity and nations, Korea in particular, can fulfill their responsibilities in front of God's will. Yet, we are the only ones that are aware of this providence. Politicians and Koreans generally are ignorant of this. Hence, we must let them know about it.

Are the forty top gun participants here? Have you all studied hard until now? Did you all read *Cheon Seong Gyeong*? What did you feel while studying *Cheon Seong Gyeong*? Did I do a good thing by compiling this scripture or not? If there is anyone who does not understand it, you must be able to explain it to the person properly. If there is anyone who raises an objection, tell the person to read it only three times and no more than that. If that same person still feels nothing even after reading it three times, tell the person to read it ten times. If the person still has objections to *Cheon Seong Gyeong* after that, the person can voice them. You will never be able to imagine the hidden painful content I had to go through after Father's ascension. The returning Lord, True Parents... You may not be aware of it, but your descendants after hundreds or thousands of years will consider you as their ancestor that worked with True Parents. If you receive judgment, how shameful and sorrowful would that be in front of Heaven?

I am saving you. You must understand that. However, that does not mean that you are completely qualified. What kind of history can I, as an individual that breathed and lived with True Parents in this age, pass on to my descendants? Can you be compared to Jesus's twelve Apostles of the past? What would happen if we cannot fulfill our responsibilities? Two thousand years ago, the chosen people of Israel received indelible, great indemnity when they crucified Jesus. What happened as a result?

Even now, Jews and Judaism still do not know why six million Jews became victims of attempted genocide. On the other hand, we could study a lot more about history and could listen to it and understand. However, when it comes to the problem of responsibility, your physical desires push you to find the easier way. Education for top gun second-generation

leaders this time aims at restraining the body and giving it a hard time in order for it to unite with the mind. Only when the body and mind become united, can unity under one goal be achieved regardless of rank or position.

As we all advance toward the goal and 2020, let us all join hands and become one bullet that shoots through the target. We must be victorious. Do you understand what I am saying? Do you understand top gun participants? You are one. You may be different in age from one another, but you are all one. That is what I am educating you about. When you conduct your missions in the future, instead of a top-down focus, you must be able to horizontally become one and then head together toward one goal.

Only by doing so can the center be erected. It will not work if we keep saying that only Korea is God's fatherland and a providential country. We must create an environment. Am I right?

The global providence is important. Saying that this much time has passed and just assuming that things will work out under the goal we have will not work.

Originally, if we had grown up within the realm God had created absent the Fall, everything would have been easier. However, our bodies and minds have been stained within the fallen realm. For the mind to do as it wishes is practically difficult.

This also applies to second-generation members. Your first-generation parents followed the providential way, suffering much in the process. You cannot fulfill your responsibilities if you only try to use some of your ability to live and eat well within a fence. You, who are living in this era, must all run toward one goal. You must not become bystanders.

Hence, it is my hope today that the Korean church, the Korean headquarters, moves with the Holy Spirit and the truth night and day.

The Korean-Japanese relationship is presently in a very delicate state. Asia and the United States are each going through some delicate phase too. However, I am embarking on a speaking tour in Japan because I promised to do so. Please pray a lot for this tour. **TW**



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Korea's Top Guns

The following was based on research and interviews of members of the 2020 Vision Twenty-One-Day Top Gun Workshop, which took place 8.19–9.9 on the heavenly calendar (September 23–October 13).

In the late 1980s, Father initiated the Top Gun Workshop in the United States for members that had vision, determination and persistence and that could help the American movement achieve greater heights. The idea was to provide special training to some especially capable individuals from various backgrounds who would then routinely analyze the state of the movement and cooperate from within their various departments in working toward its betterment. The term “top gun” comes from a movie by the same name that was set in the U. S. Navy Fighter Weapons School, for which the Navy uses the military shorthand TOPGUN. It is a school for the U. S. Navy’s best pilots.

True Mother recently called for a similar workshop in Korea. According to Rev. Sun Ju-sung, “True Mother’s definition of what a top gun is was a good one. She said that the top gun workshop Father called for in America drew people who then succeeded in their missions. If we are to be ‘top guns,’ we must inherit their success.” Rev. Sun had provided True Mother with lists that she had requested of second-generation leaders and first-generation leaders in the second-generation realm, from which she chose the roster for this top gun workshop. “True Mother,” he said, “personally chose each person for the workshop.” Mr. Sun was the vice-president of CARP Korea until near the end of the workshop when Mother made him leader of South Chungcheong Province.

PREPARATION

Mother wrote down a list of people she felt were qualified to participate in a top gun workshop. She directed Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk, then the vice-president of the Korean church,¹ to organize it generally and she put Dae-mo nim in charge of the details. Forty people took part in the 2020 Vision Twenty-One-Day Top Gun Workshop, which was held at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

Thirty-two of the ones selected were from the second generation. The eight others were first-generation members in the second-generation realm. The expression, “first-generation members in the second-generation realm,” which perhaps is only used in Korea, refers to those of the first generation that joined when they were very young and grew up in the church. At least

¹ Mother made him president during the workshop. In hangul, his name is 유경석. The Chinese character of his 宥 branch has an R sound. Other branches derive from characters pronounced Yu (Yoo). Koreans rarely write their name in Chinese characters. All branches use 宥. Thus, in Korean he is called Rev. “Yu.”



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Rev. Ok Yun-ho

one of those participants joined when he was about twelve years old and later persuaded his parents to be blessed. As Rev. Ok Yun-ho, a district leader expressed it, “Most of the second-generation leaders here are in their forties and fifties. We are old. We are not young.² I am already a district leader in Seoul with eight churches to take care of. So it is not as if we are learning a whole new tradition. It is more that Mother is empowering us,

giving us more support to conduct Vision 2020 through this workshop.”

The bare fact is that Korea has developed to such a degree that second-generation Unificationists may also feel a dearth of young people in FFWPU. They may long for younger people than themselves to respond to True Parents’ message. Mother had said that these top gun members need to resemble



Mr. Sun Ju-sung

Joshua and Caleb, but at least one participant, Sun Ju-sung, felt that “we need even better leaders than Joshua and Caleb and that they can be raised through CARP.” Rev. Sun will be leaving the workshop with three goals in mind for his new mission as church leader of one of Korea’s nine provinces. Not surprisingly, he will focus on witnessing, but rather than individual witnessing, he will concentrate on developing a witnessing system. Secondly, he will invest his effort into develop-

ing the quality of mid-level leaders. “I am fostering twenty-six leaders. We want to develop a church where members of our second-generation feel happy and comfortable,” he said. His final point will emphasize Cheongpyeong’s role in achieving Vision 2020. “Members could not connect in heart with Vision 2020 and the goals of reaching so many people in that short time. I realized through my experience here that we need not only education but also the Cheongpyeong experience to gain confidence in the spiritual world working with us,” he said.

DIFFERENT FIELDS AND GENERATIONS

As elsewhere, most workshops in Korea are organized for single groups or one generation. This workshop was inter-generational and included people from various backgrounds. Not only church-related leaders but also leaders of providential organizations and church NGOs took part, as did Special Envoy³ Yu Chan-uk, who works in Moldova.

In the beginning, the fact that the men and women in the workshop have spent decades focusing on church goals and activities from different perspectives than one another was apparent. They were all in a somewhat alien environment and were not yet comfortable. Because the people that were invited were all specialists in their own fields, bringing them together to the point of sharing one heart, united in purpose was not automatic.

For workshop participants, this sudden discomfort came

² Some second-generation Korean members are grandparents. One grandfather attended this workshop.

³ An adviser that helps facilitate growth and development in an assigned nation and that coordinates assistance and support from the international headquarters for the sake of achieving Vision 2020

after some years of feeling as if they have full control over missions with which they are familiar. This caused them to esteem more highly the value of interpersonal relations, that is, horizontal unity. All had a personal relationship to God and True Parents. Suddenly they had to deal with finding harmony despite their different backgrounds and habitual practices.



Rev. Song In-young

We may not easily appreciate the degree to which being of different generations can be a struggle, especially (as in this case) when the ages of those of the first generation members were similar to the ages of those in the second. Song In-young, the regional leader of Daegu, has known most of the second-generation top gun participants for the twenty years that he has been a pastor. He, too, is in our second generation. Rev. Song made an interesting observation about what some in our second generation

find difficult to overcome. He commented on how first- and second-generation members perceive a central point of our faith differently. “Being in the second generation,” he said, “when it comes to relating to True Parents through faith, it is a bit more difficult than it is for first-generation members. We tend to see True Parents as the people that made our parents’ lives difficult, that made our parents suffer. That gap exists between the generations.”

The workshop was beneficial for him. During it, he experienced an epiphany. “I now feel how great True Parents’ love is,” he said, “how much they wanted to love every single one of us. I could directly and deeply feel True Parents’ love.”

TRUE MOTHER IN THE LEAD

The top gun workshop ran for three weeks, during which they went through the full lecture series on the Divine Principle and the lecture series on True Parents’ lives and read, in its entirety, the 1,650-page new *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. They also participated in most of the Cheongpyeong *chanyang* sessions.⁴

Significantly, True Mother was using the top gun workshop to restart Vision 2020, the quest to take the Unification movement mainstream in the next seven years. This indicates that she is leading from the front, as she promised soon after Father Seonghwa Ceremony, and that she is keenly aware of our state of progress.



Mrs. Yoo Jung-hwa

Mrs. Yoo Jung-hwa is the wife of the pastor of the Cheongshim church, which is in Seorak, the village nearest the Cheongpyeong Training Center. She said that Mother emphasizes that Seorak should become our “Vatican City,” and that we need to bring all the people of Seorak to believe in True Parents. About the Vision 2020 goals, Mrs. Yoo said, “Many Korean church members actually doubt the vision. They find it unrealistic and too

focused on numbers.” Mother is aware of this lack of confidence and is determined to correct the trajectory of the Vision 2020 efforts.

Mrs. Yoo, on her part, felt by the end of the workshop “that Vision 2020 was not just a dream, it can actually come true; we can realize it.” She gained this understanding through their

⁴ Though the English translation of *chanyang* is “praise,” we usually refer to these as “holy song sessions.”



Divine Principle study, reading how the series of central figures had dealt with their responsibilities—some failing, some partially succeeding, until Jacob finally accomplished the foundations of both faith and of substance. Her goals when she returns to the mission field are to pursue Vision 2020 on various levels through achieving multilevel unity. “The first thing we have to achieve, I realize, is body–mind unity. It is ultimately necessary in this process toward Vision 2020. Body–mind unity, couple’s unity and family unity, those are the first steps toward Vision 2020. We need to be able to make a happy, good strong family, so that even people outside, when seeing my family, say, This is indeed a beautiful, good, great family.”

Mrs. Yoo is rare among second-generation members in that before this workshop both she and her husband had liberated 210 generations of their ancestors. She said that few among the top gun participants had done so. She decried the fact that some second-generation leaders have rarely even visited Cheongpyeong. “Even though they have led public lives,” she said, “some have only come to Cheongpyeong twice.” She added that often members assume ancestor liberation is something about which only first-generation members need be concerned. This assumption, she explained, has led to a lack of interest on the part of second-generation members. Referring to the top gun group, Mrs. Yoo stated, “Once we came here, we saw that without spiritual assistance, we cannot achieve Vision 2020. Everyone that attended this workshop has come to realize what the spiritual world is and is now determined to liberate 210 generations of ancestors.”

One facet of the participants’ experience in the 2020 Vision Twenty-One-Day Top Gun Workshop is that many have been persuaded to convey a supportive understanding of Cheongpyeong’s work to members everywhere. Based on their sense of the need for spiritual support to achieve Vision 2020 goals they have become advocates.

Mrs. Yoo also feels that graduates of the top gun workshop are to spread True Mother’s true love culture. “We are to play a bridging role,” she said, “Everyone here is a leader. We are not special or anything but because we are leaders of churches and providential organizations, we can now play a key role in expanding that culture among the other members.”

CONFRONTING EXPECTATIONS

The participants in pairs or small groups often discussed Vision 2020 and ways that they might move toward accomplishing it. Twice, all participants discussed it. Each person expressed his or her views. Daegu’s Rev. Song explained, “We

could reconnect and share based on the truth and on Vision 2020. We all have different responsibilities, but we could share what we think of Vision 2020 and how best to carry it out.”

Rev. Ok Yun-ho felt that a good basis to begin moving toward Vision 2020 was to first ease members’ physical difficulties. Dae-mo nim had told them that the hands are like surgical instruments, having the power to heal. He decided to test this idea out. He had arrived at Cheongpyeong with pain in his shoulder. He was unable to reach behind his back with his left hand. During chanyang sessions, he concentrated on his left shoulder. The experience reminded him of the expression Hyung-jin nim used to use about “seven deaths and resurrections.” That is how painful the experience was. “You have to go through so much pain before your hands actually begin to have that power to heal,” he said. Over time and through great endurance, he realized that what Dae-mo nim had said was true. His hands were becoming instruments of healing.

Three members of his area came for a workshop and Rev. Ok attended to their pain. He invested himself in trying to heal them. They got better. The following weekend seven people came. He again invested himself, and these members, too, left feeling much better. “When it comes to witnessing,” Rev. Ok said, “I think we should start with our ‘internal’ members, and Cheongpyeong is the best way to do this because many members are in pain and exhausted.” He believes that when his members have good experiences and are refreshed through coming to Cheongpyeong workshops, they will receive the word more deeply in their hearts during Sunday services and become more enthusiastic about witnessing. He sees logic in this. “True Father gave us Cheongpyeong as a mecca for the spiritual world. To start witnessing, Mother said that we need to have churches filled with the Holy Spirit and the truth. I think the Holy Spirit comes through Cheongpyeong and the truth through education.”

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE A NECESSITY

Rev. Ok contrasted his state of mind before and after the top gun workshop. Before, he knew the numbers—the numerical goals Korean members were supposed to reach in bringing new members and in gaining the support of many people in Korean society. Yet, numbers do not make a vision. Even for the numbers, little information on how to reach them was being disseminated. “When I came to the top gun workshop, we had many discussions about why Vision 2020 was hard to grasp and what problems we faced related to it. The concepts and goals had not been articulated well and communication and cooperation were sparse.” Identifying those problems was

helpful but did not make reaching consensus among the top gun leaders easier.

The body of members that took part in the top gun workshop at Cheongpyeong did seem to agree that the Cheongpyeong providence and the spiritual intervention that occurs there were necessary components to achieve the vision in Korea or even globally. Rev. Ok said, "Especially related to Cheongpyeong, my understanding of the providence had some holes. Through listening to the lectures, those holes were filled. I now understand why certain religious ceremonies took place at Cheongpyeong and in some ways I understand Cheongpyeong's significance." He learned some aspects of this through the healing of his body, regaining full mobility in his left arm, which he attributes to spiritual intervention.

Another insight that Rev. Song had about those in our second generation is that although they know that True Parents say that they do not have original sin, as they conduct their lives day to day, they often feel confronted by their own fallen internal characteristics. They are aware that they have imperfections that make them feel less worthy; nevertheless, they have benefitted from True Parents work and efforts. "What matters," he says, "is that we return to our original selves. True

Mother chose Cheongpyeong as the workshop site for us, it seems, because we cannot return to our original selves by ourselves. I am grateful to Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim for helping us work to find our original selves. This was all necessary and helpful to restart and refocus on Vision 2020."

Mr. Cho Sung-il was among the first-generation top guns. He is the director of administrative affairs in the FFWPU International Office, the parent office of this magazine.

He believes that achieving unity between members is more difficult than feeling a sense of oneness with True Parents and God. Horizontal unity among members is something he believes we all need to work on. That the forty members of the top gun workshop were able to harmonize and coalesce as a unit he sees as deeply significant.



Mr. Cho Sung-il

Another facet of the workshop that he thinks points to future success is that the members experienced many spiritual phenomena during the twenty-one days. "Normally when we think of Cheongpyeong," he said, "we recall negative issues. We are not very favorable toward it. Even though True Parents were the ones that conducted the Cheongpyeong spiritual providence, because we are closed-minded, it was difficult to understand it." Mr. Cho observed that as the participants' hearts opened toward Cheongpyeong, they "felt a lot of spiritual aid and support and spiritual intervention took place."

When asked about specific incidents, he mentioned some. Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk, had a vision in prayer of Hyo-jin nim walking up behind him, hugging him and telling him to support Mother well. In a chanyang session, the person behind Rev. Ryu saw Hyo-jin nim embracing Rev. Ryu. Mr. Cho saw Hyo-jin nim, Heung-jin nim and Young-jin nim come into the hall. He also said that Rev. Sun had had a car accident before the workshop. He could not flex his foot at first, but by the end of the workshop, he could freely move it. Different kinds of spiritual experience occurred. He added, "I did not think that those were just spiritual experiences, but they seemed to me indications of how True Parents, Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim have been working in Cheongpyeong. These helped us to gauge just how hard they have been investing themselves."

Top gun workshop participants all seemed to feel strongly that the goals they are pursuing for Vision 2020 call for spiritual support. Yet, they are not ignoring practical aspects. The top gunners are connected via a cell-phone group and a members-only web site. They will also meet physically once a month, so that they can bring up ideas that help the church develop and ones that the Korean headquarters can actually implement. They are trying to develop that type of culture. If other people in what one might call Abel-type positions are available, they would encourage those people to also come to their monthly meetings to voice their opinions.

Mr. Cho concluded, "More important than goals is being reborn spiritually. If we are spiritually reborn, whether our goal is sixty thousand or six million, that is of secondary importance. Being reborn and having conviction that we can achieve Vision 2020 is what is important. From there, we can work on something. This workshop provided what was most important to the leaders—conviction." JW



The First Second-Generation Korean Church President

An interview of Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk

Rev. Ryu, whom we interviewed at the top gun workshop, was blessed among the second-generation thirty-six-couple blessing group in 1986. He is the father of two sons and two daughters. He has diverse experience, ranging from public relations work for the Tongil Foundation to being a missionary to the Republic of Georgia. In the Korean church headquarters, he has been head of the Second Generation Department, head of the Planning Department and vice-president of FFWPU Korea before his appointment by True Mother as the president of FFWPU Korea on 9.6 by the heavenly calendar (October 10).

Today's World: Since the top gun workshop is meant restart of Vision 2020, what primary message do you have for members as you begin as the church president?

Ryu Kyeong-seuk: The first point I would like to convey is that we need to grow into a church filled with the Holy Spirit and the truth. We are a religion and we have conducted many religious activities, but we have also conducted many social activities. I see a tendency for us to become more intellectual, more rooted in the intellect than the heart. We need to focus on the heart or spirit. True Mother strongly said that we need young people that can realize Vision 2020 and take care of the age after Vision 2020. To do that, we need to become a church filled with the truth and with the Holy Spirit.

The second point I want to convey is the importance of inheriting True Parents' heart, particularly Father's heart. The main reason this workshop was held in Cheongpyeong is that this is a place where True Father invested his sweat, effort and blood. Father, especially in the early days, invested his passion for God's will and his aspirations here, so there is a great heart-to-heart connection with Father here at Cheongpyeong. The workshop was held here so that we might be able to inherit that.

If I were to say more on this, I would ask, Why are True Parents devoted children of God? If we go deeper into that, a devoted son or daughter of God makes a parent most happy when the child does what the parent likes the most. True Father thought about what makes God happiest. He realized that it was human beings, people. To make God happy, Father had to love people with all his heart.

As blessed members, then, how can we offer ourselves to God, be devoted to God? How can we be devoted to and resemble True Parents? Those questions are pertinent because I am talking about inheriting their hearts. How can we do that? For Father, the best way of loving God was by loving people. In the same way, we have to love people with all our hearts.

How can we love them? Primarily, by telling them who True Parents are and who God is, that God exists, and then by teaching them that they are God's sons and daughters. A leader that can do that—teach people that God exists, that he is our father and teach people who True Parents are—is a devoted child. The best way to do that is witnessing. In the end, witnessing is the best way we can show our devotion to God and True Parents. When we reflect on God's will, witnessing is the best way to show our devotion to God.

The third point is inheriting God's word. I am talking about inheriting God's word; this is not about understanding the word in your head but in your heart. While we were here, we went



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through the Divine Principle, *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and Father's life course. We had heard these things before, but it was a time to look in depth at things we had already learned. My hope is that everyone here can inherit the word, in his or her heart, because we have to have it in our hearts before we pass it on to members.

Mother spoke on the day we began the workshop. She expressed sadness over the fact that True Parents came and gave the word and hoped that members would live by practicing true love, by living for the sake of others, but they have not been able to practice that in reality. For those of us members that are leaders, it is the same. We have to practice true love. We should have become the model. That we have not done that is a source of sadness for True Father and for True Mother. She expressed that. Her hope is that through this top gun workshop, this kind of problem will cease to exist. Leaders should take the lead in practicing love and taking care of others.

This may sound odd, but what does it mean to the Korean members that a second-generation member is now the president of the Korean church? Do Koreans see it as good fortune coming suddenly?

Hmm... When we talk about first and second generations, it is a natural flow. The first generation came and now the second generation is coming in, but I do not look at it as two different generations. They all go together—first, then second, then the third and fourth generations. They flow together in history. I do not look at it as separate entities.

When we look at providential history, Father has told us that for a country, or a family, or an organization to establish its tradition, at least three generations have to receive and practice that tradition. When we look at what is happening to us, the first and now the second generation is taking up the tradition. Through that process the door has opened for the third generation. It is a connecting door for the third generation to enter and to carry on that tradition. Once three generations, at least, can uphold that tradition, God's will can remain on earth for eternity, which is one of the main reasons that True Mother has focused on educating those in the third generation nowadays.

If you look at me personally, I was born within the Unification Church culture, raised within our church culture, blessed within our church culture and had children under our church culture. Now I am fifty and one of my children is at a mar-



Rev. Ryu receiving a gift from Mother during the workshop

riageable age. Ten or twenty years from now, I will probably go to the spiritual world. As someone that has fully experienced the church culture, I feel that second-generation members have always been in a sacrificial position; we have the responsibility of inheriting this tradition and passing it on to the third generation. We are in a sacrificial position. We have to play this role. With that in mind, my mission is to go to the lowest position and to sacrifice, so that the third generation can fully inherit this tradition.

Can you describe for us the experience of Mother announcing your presidency?

When I first came to know of this, actual fear—nervousness—was the most prominent emotion to arise in me. Can I truly handle this big task? In a way, in the back of my mind, I wanted to avoid it. I did not want to take it. I wanted to avoid it somehow, but Mother told me, “I will make an environment for you.”

We believe that True Parents are the Messiah. For the Messiah to say, I will be with you, I will support you, is the biggest blessing you can ever receive from True Parents. I felt that I had been foolish to think that it would be difficult. I suddenly felt that if Heaven is with me, of course I can do it.

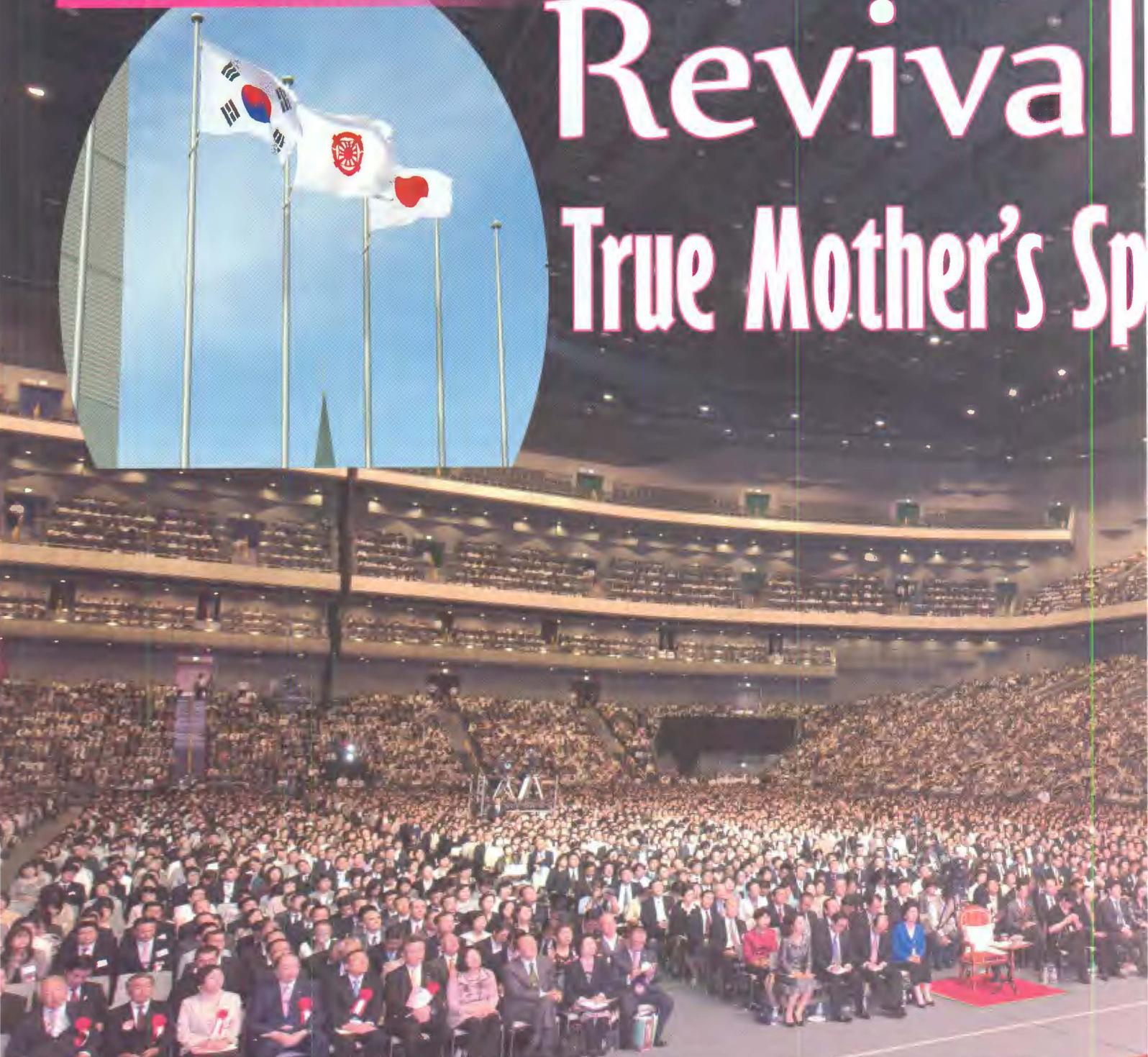
Once I felt that, all fear disappeared and I felt confident that I can manage the responsibility. I experienced that turn-about. *JW*



Dea-mo nim addressing the top gun workshop participants in the small hall at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

Saitama, October 16

Revival True Mother's Sp



True Mother arrived in Japan on October 13 to begin a series of Rallies for the 55th Anniversary of the Mission to Japan (and in Tokyo the 54th Anniversary of the Church Founding) which were to revive the nation and encourage the members to renew efforts for the great success of vision 2020. In every city in which True Mother spoke, members, peace ambassadors and public figures flocked to hear her message. Japanese members in Tokyo had added obstacles reaching the venue where True Mother spoke in neighboring Saitama. A typhoon that caused great loss of life, especially through mudslides on the island of Izu Ohshima, greatly disrupted public transportation in the Tokyo area.

Rallies eaking Tour 2013



Distinguished guests, peace ambassadors and loving blessed families and members, Would you all give a big hand to our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind to congratulate and thank them for enabling this rally to be convened today?

I am completely overwhelmed with emotions through this rally commemorating the fifty-fifth anniversary of mission work in Japan. That was a time when diplomatic relations between Korea and Japan had not been normalized yet. However, Father, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind had thought of this day. You must not forget that present-day Japan exists because of True Parents' forgiveness, love and the grace of the Blessing.

I would like to recognize the distinguished services of our former and present presidents of

FFWPU-Japan, elder members, and blessed central families whose committed efforts and dedication has enabled our second-and third-generation members of blessed families to become the hope and light of this country.

The providence, Heaven conducted, prepared and waited over a long period of time for the day True Parents could be sent. If we go back two thousand years ago as of today, Heaven raised the people of Israel through the doctrine of the chosen people. The whole world had to pass through the Roman Empire centered on the Italian peninsula. It was a powerful empire. That was a time when the Israelites had no country. Heaven had promised to send the Messiah to Israel. Heaven kept its promise. Unfortunately, people did not know God's providence and the history of indemnity and failed to see Jesus properly. Heaven had hoped that it becomes an opportunity for the people of Israel, who were then living in miserable circumstances, to overwhelm Rome overnight through the ideology of the Messiah. However, how did the Messiah come? God raised the people of Israel for four thousand years, promising them to send his son which he finally did; however, this very son is welcomed in a manger of all places.

Three sages, three people celebrated Jesus' coming while the people Heaven raised made Jesus die on the cross. How should we regard this? After waiting for four thousand years, can you imagine what God's heart was like? It would be greater than the heart of parents who have lost their child during their earthly life. God is omniscient and omnipotent. His beginning and end are the same. He started the providential history and must see its results. Hence, Christianity was formed through the environment of the Roman Empire. Christianity was actively spread across the European continent. This is how it crossed over to the island country of England. There was a saying in those days that the sun never sets on the British Empire.

This is how profound and mysterious God's providence is. However, mankind did not know that they had responsibilities and that indemnity followed them. Heaven then conducted the providence to enter the era in which the Roman Empire could embrace the whole world as one; however, when he lost the era which he had worked so hard to set up, he once more started the providence centered on the maritime realm of the British Empire to embrace the world as one. Unfortunately, what they did made it very difficult for the people involved to raise their heads in front of Heaven. What had happened to Christianity? It became tied up with the privileged class and its system and the people living in this era were blocked from living a true life of faith; however, when the Bible became translated into English, people could finally learn about God's teachings in-depth. A new group, known as Puritans that desired to freely attend God, started rising. With this aspiration, they headed towards the new continent in search of religious freedom. When the Puritans moved to and started settling in the new continent of America around the 1620s, they first built a church where they could attend God. Next, they established a school for their descendants. They then built houses for themselves. This is how much they revered Heaven. Heaven blessed them. Within the short period of 200 years, the United States became a democratic country that can lead the world; it has become a powerful nation. This is how difficult each step God took in his providence to find humanity in a profound and mysterious manner was. That was around the end of World War II. The victorious countries centered on the United States, which was part of the Allied Forces, helped Japan, the defeated country. Why did it help Japan? That was because the Returning Lord, the True Parents had appeared. All countries became one family. Heaven showed it to us by setting up the United States. Unfortunately, people were unaware of the providence





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or the providence of restoration through indemnity until the very end and could not advance well. The United States wasn't an exception. The United States, which was supposed to attend Heaven, was flowing in a direction of gradual collapse instead. It was then when Rev. Moon embarked for the United States. That was in 1972. As soon as he arrived in the United States, he set off on a speaking tour of the fifty states and declared, "I have come as a doctor because the United States is suffering in illness. I have come as a firefighter to put out the fire that has broken out in American homes." He awakened the United States as he toured and lectured in the fifty states. Through the Puritan spirit, Heaven hoped that the United States would serve God first, embrace the world, and fulfill its responsibilities in front of the Returning Lord. However, they were not aware of this. Despite this, the Providence continues to develop. The development of civilization, which started centered on the Italian peninsula, has finally yielded fruit in Korea, the birthplace of True Parents.

However, Japan could be forgiven and blessed through True Parents. Do you understand?

The mother's country, Eve's country... What kind of love is a mother's love? Let us say a child is sick or in pain; can I just say I am the mother and delight in it? Those who are in charge of Japan, those who will lead Japan in the future think that they should depend on one's country; however, that would be going against the providence. A mother should embrace all her children around the world. She should embrace and educate the children, introducing True Father and guiding them into the bosom of Parents. Such a responsibility is a blessing bestowed to Japan by Heaven. As I mentioned before, there is always responsibility in front of blessings. However, if one fails to fulfill one's responsibilities, indemnity would follow. When a chosen people, leaders, and countries failed to fulfill

their responsibilities in history, we have observed the kind of indemnity they had to pay. Even if I do not talk about every single example here on stage, I am sure that you all know about it.

A place showered with big blessings is not for an individual but one in which the world can become one. In order to do so, we must fulfill all of our responsibilities. The time has come for Japan and Korea to also become one geographically. These are current members of parliament from Malaysia who recently paid a visit to Cheon Jeong Gung. I met thirty members of parliament and told them that the wealth and prosperity enjoyed in Malaysia alone as a country would not last for eternity if the twenty countries in Asia do not all unite. Unity is the only way to survive and to find a method by which aggravating problems such as environmental pollution on earth can be resolved. Japan also faces a lot of problems, right? Once we become one and serve our True Parents whom we must attend, then all problems can be resolved one after the other.

Blessed families and all citizens of Japan, would you become one with True Parents and take the lead in saving Asia and the world?

You must convey True Parents' teachings in order to achieve it. You must resurrect lives. You must help people get away from the fallen realm. I explained that Foundation Day in 2013 marked the conclusion and completion of the providence of restoration through indemnity and that we have entered the Cheon Il Guk era through which a new history and a new age are being opened centered on our Heavenly Parents. That is right. Heaven will certainly be able to achieve it and succeed.

Please accelerate your efforts and become pioneers and ancestors who reveal Heavenly Parent's glory to all seven billion people not only until 2020 but also until your very last breath. With this, I conclude my message. Thank you. **TW**

Hokkaido, October 14

On the first day of the speaking tour, on Japan's northernmost island, Mother said to the audience, "I wish you to start anew toward the victory of Vision 2020 on Hokkaido, which is the head of the Japanese Archipelago."



Tokyo, October 15

Mother met with approximately ninety second-generation Unificationists from the Japanese church and the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) on this Tuesday, at 6:00 PM in Tokyo. Present were several of True Mother's family members, including her daughter Sun-jin nim with her husband In-sup nim, Mother's daughter Yeon-jin nim, and her daughter-in-law (Hyo-jin nim's widow) Choi Yeon-ah nim.

Also on hand were eleven of the first twelve blessed couples in Japan (one portion of the 1969 forty-three-couple blessing group). The first missionary, Choi Bong-choon, arrived in 1958. Rev. Choi went by the name Nishigawa Masaru in Japan, where he had lived as a child. Mother was in Japan to commemorate the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Unification movement there. In her speech, True Mother emphasized, "Being rich on earth is temporal, but the path to become eternally rich in the eternal spirit world is witnessing."



Nagoya, October 18

About ten thousand participants—blessed members and their children from our church regions seven and eight, peace ambassadors and societal leaders—came to this event to receive True Mother's words of encouragement for a new beginning for Vision 2020. Nagoya is seen as the cradle of the Unification Church in Japan; for instance, Nagoya was the site of the first pioneering church and a number of early leaders emerged from Nagoya.



Nagano, October 20

In the Nagano rally, around three thousand participants, including blessed couples, peace ambassadors, figures in society and leaders from region four, Kitanagano, participated. As at all the other events, heavenly culture was expressed through the arts, in musical and dance performances, conveying great hope and courage to participants as the performers displayed their conviction that Vision 2020 will be a success. Mother was moved to tears while encouraging all the participants to fulfill their responsibilities.



Kobe, October 22

On the last day of the tour, Mother spoke to the blessed couples, single members, peace ambassadors, local notables and leaders from regions nine, ten and eleven. She emphasized the importance of witnessing in fulfilling our responsibilities for the victory of Vision 2020. She said, "Just as we grow our muscles through regular and repetitive training, conveying love and the word must become habitual to us through repetitive efforts."



True Mother Anoints with Grace the Mother Nation

An overview of True Mother's tour



By Sam Nagasaka

I have accompanied several True Family members on speaking tours of Japan. I would like to provide a few points about True Mother's tour that stood out in comparison to past tours.

This was Mother's first visit to Japan since True Father's ascension, and it commemorated the fifty-fifth anniversary of the mission to Japan. She spoke in five cities and met with forty thousand members through rallies and hoondokhae. She healed members' hearts and brought a sense of unity to the movement by appreciating the foundation built through the efforts of forerunners and presenting hopes for the future.

In between the rallies, she enjoyed the beauty of nature in Japan, visiting the natural habitat of cranes on Hokkaido, the botanical park in Nagoya, hills covered with trees displaying autumn leaves in Karuizawa¹ and a garden of herbs in Kobe. She shared her heart for her homeland and taught us that we should appreciate nature and love our homeland as God's land.

Mother's messages reminded Japan that it has a leading role in the mission to bring world peace, that blessed families should live in happiness, taking care of their children and tribe, and that as a unified community we need to create an environment to make all these possible.

At every hoondokhae, there were presentations of participants' reflections from the rally, from members and peace ambassadors. Witnessing victors also testified, because Mother emphasized witnessing as a core pillar in building the foundations to accomplish Vision 2020. These testimonies were all quite inspiring; almost all were testimonies of witnessing to the members of one's family and relatives, not of street witnessing, or door-to-door witnessing. Members had tended to give up on those closest to them, such as husband, children, parents and close relatives. This failure to share faith and heart had been one of the heavy pains that held members' lives hostage. However, under the blessing of the time of the New Tribal Messiah, some members broke through to their family members and experienced the greatest liberation and happiness. It was significant that these success stories were recognized and treated with distinction. Members were encouraged to share them with others.

Mother also took time to celebrate the second-generation of

our movement. In Tokyo, she held a banquet for youth leaders and listened to the testimonies of blessed children with responsibilities as church leaders and CARP leaders. In every rally and hoondokhae, second-generation Unificationists presented various impressive, beautiful and refreshing types of entertainment. Mother encouraged them and reminded leaders and parents about the latent potential and the possibilities of the generations to come. She seemed to want to show hope in our movement through the maturity and beauty of those in our second generation.

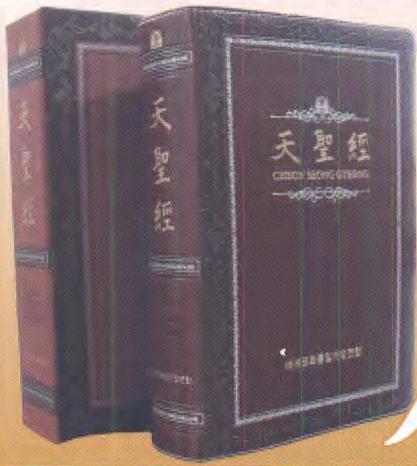
Another outstanding point of this tour was that many members of the National Diet (Japan's legislature) came to show their respects to True Parents in public. In the past, many political figures came to show support, but did not seem comfortable to be in the public eye because of the social and



national negativity against our church. This time, however, many of them came to visit True Mother and speak publicly of their appreciation of True Parents and the Unification Church. Almost all stayed until the end of the program to listen to True Mother as she spoke to our members. Many of them attended with sincerity and appeared impressed by the spirit of the gathering.

During the twelve days of her stay, True Mother healed the hearts of thousands of members, and showed that hopes for the future were already there within us. As members praised the glory of True Parents, her presence brought confidence and a sense of unity in the community, the element most needed to kick-off toward the goals of Vision 2020. *JW*

¹ A town of about 18,000 inhabitants in Nagano Prefecture on a plateau at the base of Mt. Asamayama



A Scripture for Our Time

An interview of Julian Gray



After nearly fifteen years as the managing editor of this magazine, Julian Gray was chosen earlier this year to work on the project to translate Cheon Seong Gyeong. We spoke to Julian earlier this month about his new mission, in the offices in the Cheongpyeong complex where the translation work is being done.

Today's World: How does the new *Cheon Seong Gyeong* differ from the original, published in English in 2006?

Julian Gary: It has the same title, but this book is being made at a different providential time. My understanding is that the new *Cheon Seong Gyeong* is born of True Parents' desire to guide us in building and settling Cheon Il Guk. A subtitle has been added to the work, *The Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk*. This scripture is appearing during the time of Cheon Il Guk, and it is dedicated to helping us open the gates of the kingdom.

The first three books of the new volume—"God," "True Parents" and "True Love"—seem to refer to the original world. Books four, five and six correspond to the three blessings. Later books deal with personal growth and life in Cheon Il Guk. There is a book devoted to the peace messages and a book of Father's prayers spanning fifty years. Many of these features mean that the content is largely different from the original, making it an almost completely new work, with many new passages that will be seen in English for the first time.

The original *Cheon Seong Gyeong* was published in Korean in 2003 and distributed in 2004. It naturally contained very little of what Father said after 2000. The new version includes extracts from Father's speeches in the final years of his life, including extracts from public speeches and prayers until his final years, including his final recorded prayer—which appears in the text in full. The work provides a very rounded view of Father's overall teachings, including the stages of True Parents' mission and the milestone providential events that marked its progress.

Some of the books of the original *Cheon Seong Gyeong* were compiled by a wonderful elder from the seventy-two-couple blessing group, a man deeply immersed in Father's teachings. The later *Cheon Seong Gyeong* was compiled, at True Parents' behest, by a group of our elders and theologians headed by two of the most trusted elder brothers (both former church presidents) from the thirty-six-couple blessing group, Rev. Kim Young-hwi and Rev. Lee Jae-seok. In both endeavors human effort was involved but behind this, one can sense God's desire to reach us.

Some text in the original *Cheon Seong Gyeong* was reprinted from other books that had been published. The text in Korean had already been edited by well-meaning editors to make it easier for a broad range of people to read. The original wording Father had used was sometimes changed and sometimes this perceptively altered the meaning. In that Father wholeheartedly embraced the work, this was clearly not a problem for him. But as time passes other books will be made and the issue of protecting the authentic teaching will always be there. For the new *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, the compilers went back to the original volumes of Father's speeches for their selections, so that—even without Father physically present—it conveys his authentic teaching.

Could you please describe the new *Cheon Seong Gyeong*.

Cheon Seong Gyeong was created to be a foundational text, in the way we view Divine Principle. It is an anthology of True Parents' teachings, in the form of extracts from Father's speeches spanning more than fifty years, including his final years on earth. Divine Principle

contains True Father's essential revelation; but it ends, abruptly, at the point where True Father's birth is predicted—like the Old Testament in relation to Jesus. *Cheon Seong Gyeong* brings us the words spoken by the man and woman whose coming the Divine Principle foretells. They include the significance of blessed marriage, and the providential steps True Parents passed through to accomplish everything God had asked of them. The new version notably covers the providence over the past ten or fifteen years, including numerous declarations and providential milestones in True Parents' mission, for example their elevation to be king and queen of peace. It deals systematically with concepts we are engaged with, such as Home Church, *Tong-Ban Gyeokpa*, tribal messiahship and life as a citizen of Cheon Il Guk.

The work is laid out in thirteen books, plus additionally a special compendium of Father's prayers under thirteen chapter titles that mirror the thirteen books.

Some people are calling this Mother's and the earlier version Father's *Cheon Seong Gyeong*.

Those are understandable monikers given the perceived influence each of the True Parents had on the respective volumes. Yet one fundamental issue arises: Doesn't Father and Mother's love transcend death? I feel that a couple that has reached so complete a relationship with God (as we marked on Foundation Day) would still be together even upon one of them departing this life. Knowing that Jesus communicates so intimately from the spirit world, I think Father also has many avenues. I can imagine one of his primary tasks would be to help True Mother accomplish True Parents' mission on earth. This book would therefore be his and Mother's initiative together.

Yet, even if it were Mother's sole initiative I would trust God to guide her closely based on their relationship.

What challenges are there when translating such a text?

You cannot translate from one language to another unless you understand the speaker's intended meaning. Father had a unique speaking style and expressions that translators need to be familiar with. This was partly due to the need to express concepts originating beyond this earth plane through the imperfect medium of earthly language. So what Father says is not just hard to translate, it is hard even for Koreans to understand at times. Knowledge of Divine Principle, of the flow of God's providence through the years, and, yes, personal experience of listening to Father and translating what he says, are key to this craft.

One essential task is to translate accurately and express emotively. Translators are interested in accuracy, but editors are interested in beauty—how expressive the text is. Readers also want text that stirs the heart when they read it. You can view this as the essential marriage of translating and editing.

Yet when you come to a scriptural work like this, it's not an easy marriage! You cannot always write everything Father says in a way that opens everyone's hearts and makes them feel light and breezy. A foundational scriptural work for Unificationism naturally deals with the providence of restoration for us as individuals and for humankind as a whole. Father emphasizes human responsibility. He is trying to save people from evil and speaks candidly: "You must succeed in this." There may be no easy way to make it sound exciting and joyful. Contrast that with the desire for a book

that can move the heart and that people enjoy reading.

It is a foundational text, so it is bound to be weighty. It has a certain formality of structure and tone. Even in the original text, the Korean verb forms were made more formal. Later, I think this content will be the inspiration for other books, more popularized versions. There are various modern translations of the Bible, such as *The Message*.¹ Different versions were made to reach different demographics. But with *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, even the new version, I feel we are on a very foundational level.

What point have you reached in the preparation of the text?

We have translated the entire book. We offered True Mother an interim publication of the book at the time of the anniversary of True Father's seonghwa. Since then we have been working on reviewing the entire translation from beginning to end, and then editing the text. That process is more than halfway through, even though we are encountering genuine challenges in dealing with Father's sometimes very complex utterances.

How difficult was it to find translators?

In a nutshell, it was and is difficult.

You are English but the book will be in American English. What input came from America?

A team has been set up in the United States. We asked the American church for support and Dr. Michael Balcomb² also sought us out, naturally being concerned that the translation into American English was being organized by an Englishman who had lived away from the West for two decades.

We were concerned that the project should not be done here in Korea without anyone from the American church involved. In the initial stages, individuals offered their services. Now the American church is taking ownership of the project. True Parents lived in the United States for years, and members have experience dealing with publications of Father's teachings going back three decades and more. And because members have supported the *News World* and the *Washington Times*, there is a tradition of dealing in good English. Moreover, some US-based Korean members are bilingual and they can offer a lot in the challenging task of checking and improving the English translations.

What other challenges have you met in the course of this work?

Father is very forthright in his expression. Some of our theological views naturally distinguish the Unificationist view from that of other faiths. Father will sometimes teach such views very candidly. True Parents' revealed that Jesus should have had a family and that his return would not be a metaphysical event, and Father's candid expression of these points poses a challenge for the translator or editor wishing to convey the teaching in the hope that those with another view might be touched rather than offended. What Father may say to a group of members who understand his mission and experience his heart does not necessarily mean that the

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1 Eugene Peterson's *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*, published in 2002 is a translation from Greek and Hebrew into idiomatic English. It has no verse numbers within the text, making it more suitable for reading than as a study Bible.

2 The FFWPU national leader in the United States

On Bringing Blessed Children into the World

What is the purpose of the love between man and woman? Where does their desiring love bear fruit? Love surely wants a certain result that can be connected to the whole; that is a child. A couple does not want to finish their love within themselves. The accomplishment of the purpose of love is a child. So unless the purpose of love is accomplished, their ultimate desire is not fulfilled no matter how much they love each other. A child is the universal representative of parents.

—True Father, *Blessing and Ideal Family*



Baby Hunger (page 39) caused a furore of pessimism about older women having babies. The magazines *Time* and *New York* featured sensationalist covers as a result. *The Impatient Woman's Guide to Getting Pregnant* counters that pessimism but garnered much less publicity.

We received testimonies from the FFWPU Asia region from couples in which the wife had become pregnant after a long, worrisome wait and some-time after Regional President Yong had prayed for them to have children. Grateful couples sent in testimonies about Dr. Yong's paternal concern for their barrenness and his spirit-filled prayers for the couples to become families.

The testimonies arrived at a time when a clearer scientific understanding of how late in life a woman can naturally become pregnant is a hot topic in society. For women in their mid- to late-thirties that wish to become pregnant for the first time, quite depressing information had been widely disseminated for years, perhaps influenced by medical professionals that make a lucrative living by conducting infertility procedures. The introductory portion of this article on pregnancy through prayer presents some of the encouraging information about the potential to conceive for most women well into their thirties. This introduction pairs the good news that having a first blessed child by natural means in a woman's late thirties is realistic with the good news of couples that have conceived a blessed child after prayer intercession. (An interview and testimonies about conceiving after having received prayer has blue subheadings.)

Painful realities

Statistical studies of human behavior can sometimes reveal completely unexpected information. A study released in 1986 on the marriage prospects of aging college-educated women stunned the American people. The study used 1982 data of 70,000 households and other studies conducted by the U. S. government. Two sociologists and an economist conducted the study, which found that white college-educated American women that were unmarried at age twenty-five had only a 50 percent chance of ever marrying in their lives.¹ If women within this group had not married by age thirty, their

1 The chances were slightly lower for college-educated black women and slightly higher for less educated women.

chances of marrying fell to 20 percent; by age 35 the likelihood that they would ever have a husband declined to 5 percent and by age forty, it declined further to about 1 percent.

The statistics covered all American women, many of whom were emotionally crushed by the news. Press coverage focused on businesswomen whose dreams included connubial love, babies and grandchildren in the years after they had established themselves in a career. They had not rejected the idea of marriage; they had just postponed their pursuit of marriage. They would achieve that goal in the same way they had achieved a prestigious education and a high-powered job—or so they thought. While marrying was not at the forefront of these women's consciousness, the world was changing in ways that gradually made less likely the possibility that their postponed dream would ever come true. Among college-educated women born in the mid-1930s (their mothers' generation) 91 percent married. Statistically, only 78 percent of similarly educated women born in the mid-1950s (those about 30 years old when the study came out) would ever marry. One of the researchers explained that this is in part because social mores had changed: More couples were living together and having children without marrying and beginning with the advent of birth control pills in the early 1960s fewer "shotgun weddings occurred."²

Recent studies, also troubling

Shock of a similar magnitude greeted the 2002 release of the book *Creating a Life: Professional Women and the Quest for Children*,³ by Sylvia Ann Hewlett, an economist and a woman who had three children, and then went through fertility treat-

2 The implication is that some part of the 91 percent of marriages from those born in the mid-1930s (before birth control) occurred by forcing men (perhaps at gunpoint) to marry women they had made "accidentally" pregnant.

3 In some countries, it was marketed under the even more provocative title, *Baby Hunger: The New Battle for Motherhood*.



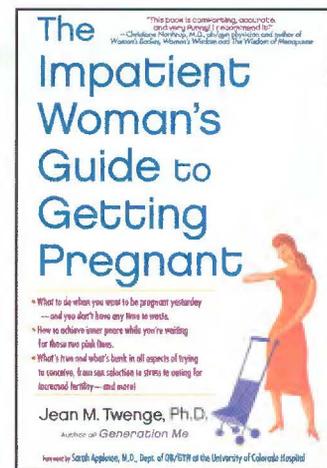
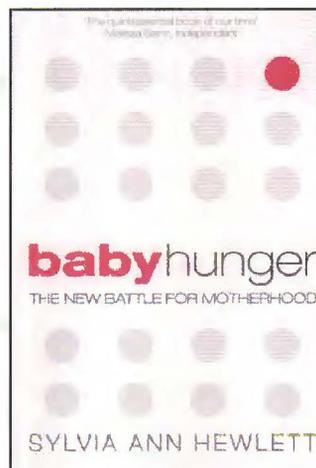
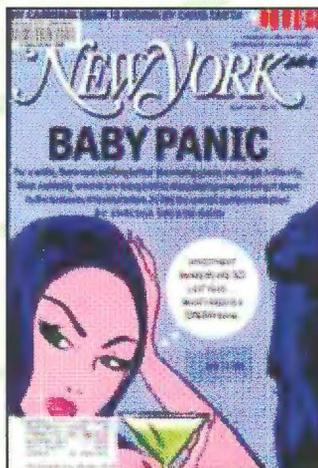
ment to have a fourth baby when she was fifty-one years old. The book received massive media coverage in nations where it was marketed. In the U. S., it was featured on the talk show "Oprah," had a segment on the news highlight show "60 Minutes" and was on the cover of *New York* magazine under the headline, "Baby Panic." It also made the cover of *Time* magazine (see the cover on page 38) which stressed, "the Harsh Facts About Fertility."

The author wrote that the book's focus was "how we can create the conditions that allow

more women to choose both career and family." However, the magazines, newspapers, radio and television outlets that covered the book focused mainly on isolated facts extracted from studies that Ms. Hewlett had done for *Creating a Life*. For example, Ms. Hewlett had surveyed women working in large companies⁴ and found that 42 percent of those over forty years old in those companies were childless. Within that group, for women that earn \$100,000 or more per year, the percentage without children was forty-nine. Many reviews of the book contained mocking references to the large percentage of women who believed they could postpone having their first child until their late thirties. However, the statistics that Hewlett presented in no way prove that these women were physically incapable of having children, only that they were unsuccessful at having a family.

Ms. Hewlett asserts that her book had a positive message; in fact, though it garnered wide and extensive media coverage, few people bought the book after reading the depressing figures cited in reviews. The publicity for the book worsened people's misperceptions about fertility and the age that women can naturally bear children and heightened an already existing sense of panic among newlyweds. Analyses of data show that already in the mid-1990s, couples worried excessively about having children. Before they had tried for an adequate number of months to have a baby naturally (for at least twelve menstrual cycles with conjugal relations once or twice

4 Five thousand employees or more



during the fertile time) nervous couples were seeking costly, somewhat risky, infertility treatment.

Age-related infertility

Since 1859, the term “biological clock” has described timing mechanisms that scientists believe exist in living organisms to regulate cycles, such as the circadian rhythm that organisms (even human ones) experience as they go through cyclical fluctuations over each twenty-four hours. These cycles operate within the body but are effected by external factors such as sunlight during the day and its absence at night. Circadian cycles underlie our day-to-day existence throughout our lives.

Only in the early 1990s did “biological clock” begin commonly to refer to women having a limited number of years in which they are able to have children. That a large number of women in developed countries chose to delay having children until after they had established a career is a relatively new phenomenon. The ominous expression “her biological clock is ticking” articulates anxiety over a woman growing older, trying to have a baby but nearing the age at which she will be too old to have her first child.

Good news, not widely broadcast

Jean M. Twenge, a professor in the Department of Psychology at San Diego State University in California, has written nearly a hundred scientific papers and three books based on her own research. She and her first husband rarely lived together; their careers kept them in separate cities. At some point, it became clear that his determination for them to be together was weak. Because she wanted children, she divorced him. Following their divorce, she was a childless woman, thirty years old. The year was 2002. When she told her parents about the demise of the marriage, her mother asked if she had seen the latest issue of *Time* magazine, the issue with the baby on the cover and the review of *Creating a Life*. When she finally read the article, it depressed her deeply.

A few years later, she married again. With her background, Mrs. Twenge knows that when statistics are presented to the public, they often look quite different from how they appear in the context of the studies they emerged from.⁵ She decided

5 Her article, “How Long Can You Wait to Have a Baby?” in the July/August 2013 issue of the *Atlantic* is the primary source for the facts in the following paragraphs. (She had three children after age thirty-five.)

to read the studies underlying some of the statements she was reading about infertility. “I scoured medical-research databases,” she wrote. She had often read in the mainstream media and on web sites that 30 percent of women aged thirty-five to thirty-nine would not become pregnant after a year of trying to have a baby. This widely cited statistic is based on information in an article that an academic journal ran in 2004. Finding the source of the information contained in that article—birth records from France between 1670 and 1830—stunned her. That statistics used to plan having babies in the twenty-first century emerged from a time when health and environmental conditions were so radically different is astonishing. According to one study, life expectancy at birth in France rose from 27.9 years to 39.9 between 1750 and 1849.⁶ What sort of fertility could one expect under those circumstances?

Mrs. Twenge found one reason that researchers might have used historical data to predict fertility by age. They may have been attempting to eliminate the effect on the data of birth control pills, which in the U. S. was approved for use in 1960. Mrs. Twenge writes, “Surprisingly few well-designed studies of female age and natural fertility include women born in the twentieth century—but those that do tend to paint a more optimistic picture.” The studies she refers to in her article include one from 2004 of 770 European women, showing that 82 percent of women aged thirty-five to thirty-nine become pregnant within a year if the couple had sexual relations at least twice a week. The figure for women aged twenty-seven to thirty-four was 86 percent. About that study, she adds, “The fertility of women in their late twenties and early thirties was almost identical.”

A study that tracked 2,820 women from Denmark that wanted to become pregnant found that 78 percent of those in the thirty-five to forty-year-old subgroup that were having conjugal relations during the woman’s fertile time became pregnant within a year. For those in the twenty to thirty-four-year-old subgroup, the result was 84 percent under the same conditions.

A great deal of encouraging news is emerging about female fertility even as a woman nears forty years old. Mrs. Twenge reminds readers that in the study of 770 women, “the difference in pregnancy rates at age twenty-eight versus thirty-seven is only about 4 percentage points.”

6 *Population and Nutrition: An Essay in European Demographic History*

Children Are Blessings from God

An interview of Asia Region Education Director Robert Kittle

Today’s World: Could you tell about how your regional president prays for barren couples?

Robert Kittle: Dr. Yong has a heart and a passion to help blessed couples. Based on his understanding of the Principle, couples must have children to experience the heart of being a parent, being a father, being a mother. He will invite them specifically and offer prayers for them, public prayers for these couples.

At the same time, he will usually ask the couples to do some kind of condition or make a sacrifice or participate in some public events. In that way, it is not just a one-sided effort; it is cooperative. He has prayed for a number of childless couples

in many countries in Asia, and even beyond Asia—he has developed a reputation among childless couples. They talk to each other, barren couples that want to have children, so by word of mouth even couples outside of Asia have contacted him.

The stories that we sent you were only from the Asia region.

It is his heart and passion to help couples have children, and Father has done the same thing. Even for our couple, we were ten years unable to have children and when met True Parents one time on Jeju Island. The first question Father asked was, Who doesn’t have children? He suddenly focused on that. He asked, What can we do? We can give you oriental

medicine and pray for you, and just believe it.

In that way, it becomes a public issue. You are no longer just struggling with it alone. Some support system is there.

A number of these couples have conceived children, and they themselves understand clearly that the connection, or the catalyst, for that was this prayer and *jeongseong* condition combined. That is basically what he has been doing.

What do you mean by “public prayers”?

Well, it means that it is not in private. I do not know if he does pray for couples in private. He may do that. Everything I have seen is in public; the private, I don't see.

Does he pray for them in front of other members?

Yes. He will take an occasion, if it is an appropriate occasion, and he will talk about the situation. He will even talk personally with that person in front of other people and then later pray. “I want to pray for you,” he tells them. That prayer will include, maybe, the laying on of hands or something like that or it might be a prayer for the couple together. I have not experienced it personally myself, so I don't know, but I have seen him, in the case of the Philippines, line up couples that were barren. He had asked them to come to a specific occasion. He asked the couples to all line up. There were seven or eight on stage. They went onstage and one by one he prayed for those couples. I am sure there is counseling support to that as well.

I know he has also followed through. For couples that do not conceive through this, he has even arranged adoptions. He does not leave them if it does not happen.... It is not magic. It is not predestined. We know that predestination absolutely does not work, but at the same time, some couples do conceive and the second option is that he can arrange adoptions or “gift children,” as we refer to them.

I've seen a few photos of him praying with his wife.

Does he usually pray for them together?

If she is there, yes, but frequently their couple is separated, so he has done it on his own often.



MRS. WU MEI-CHUN

We started family but no pregnancy occurred for about six years (2006–2012). We tried a Western medical examination and a Chinese medical examination. My husband's parents even took us to *Note Raw* Goddess Temple to receiver prayers to get a son.

After hearing a testimony during hoondokhae from Dr.

Yong, I started reading *Divine Principle* and also served as the leader of a prayer team in the church and was enthusiastic about doing church service.

In March 2012, Dr. Yong came to Taiwan to share True Parents' important guidance. After the meeting Dr. Yong, guided those couples that have no children after a long time. He wanted to know each couple's condition. Then Dr. Yong said he would pray for us for forty days. Hearing this, I was so moved and appreciated Dr. Yong's heart. Dr. Yong said a few of the families would experience pregnancy within six months. I thought it would be other families that work harder than us.

In May 2012, we attended Special Grace in Cheongpyeong. I was certain that I was pregnant on May 19. The probable time of conception would have been in April, one month after Dr. Yong had prayed for us. Our son was born on January 15 2013. We always feel as if it is a dream.



MRS. YANG HUI-TI

Mrs. Yang Hui-Ti had difficulty conceiving a child, but she has many spiritual children. She had a special experience when Dr. Yong prayed over her after she shared her testimony, in December 2011, of having read the three-hour *Divine Principle* lecture book a hundred times. She saw True Father's spiritual body come into Dr. Yong's body. She now has a ten-month-old baby. Dr. Yong told her that her child would be a great man like Jacob.



A COUPLE IN NEPAL

This is a story about how God's grace works in an incredible way. I am from the Philippines. My wife is Apsara Dulal, from Nepal. We are both fulltime members since joining the movement in 2000. We were matched and blessed in August 2004 in Korea. We started our family in 2008 in the Philippines at

age twenty-eight. At that time, we were both working as full-time staff in UM-Philippines Headquarters. For a year after starting our family, we tried to conceive our first baby in a natural way, but there was no result. Therefore, we both went to a gynecologist. My wife took medication for a year for a hormonal imbalance. Nevertheless, again no result came. My wife was very concerned about this situation, because her age was approaching thirty.

Our couple planned a visit to our family in Nepal. We flew to Kathmandu in September 2010. While on the visit, my wife and I met our Nepalese national leader. We decided to work for God's providence in Nepal from January 2011, after obtaining permission from the Philippines.

In the beginning of January 2011, our Regional President Yong Chong-shik came to Nepal to help prepare for the Little Angels' visit to Nepal in February. During hoondokhae, Dr. Yong met my wife and I and learned of our situation. He said that he would pray over my wife and I to help us conceive a baby. He also said that we had to set a sincere condition.

My wife and I then focused on our respective missions related to the historic visit of the Little Angels to Nepal. The Little Angels performed on February 23. The concert hall was full and many important people were in the audience.

Based on that victorious national condition, Asia Regional President Yong and his wife, and Ek Nath Dhakal, the Nepalese national leader and his wife prayed over my wife and me on the morning of February 24 after hoondokhae. Dr. Yong told us that my wife would conceive a baby within six months. We believed that his statement had come from God, so we are happy and excited.

Four months passed and we both became anxious, yet excited. In the fifth month, July 2011, my wife called me and showed me a pregnancy test device showing a positive result. My heartbeat increased. We visited a gynecologist and got a positive confirmation. What Dr. Yong had said echoed in my ears, and it continues to do so even today. "Your wife will conceive a baby within six months." I truly feel this came from God, promising faithful boundless love, blessings and happiness. Our son Joo-chan (meaning, praise the Lord) was born on March 3, 2013 and is growing well. —Mr. Richell Jalipa



A COUPLE IN THAILAND

My husband and I participated in the August 1995 360,000 Blessing Ceremony in Korea. He is Thai and I am a Malaysian. We started family life in 1999. Although we had a local Chinese marriage ceremony in 2000, I could not settle in Thailand after starting our family life because of the commitment to my mission in Malaysia. Two years later, I moved to

Bangkok to reside and settle there. Seven years had passed since our blessing. I was thirty-three years old then. We tried to conceive from that point on, but somehow were not successful. My physical condition was poor, it seems. I used to have cold hands and feet. That was an implication that I have an unhealthy womb. Despite many attempts to conceive, we failed. I visited many hospital doctors, Chinese-medicine doctors and spiritualist and took many medications. We also visited doctors in one of the famous local hospitals that advised to try intrauterine insemination (IUI) and ovulation induction. This is a kind of manual insemination, commonly known as artificial insemination (AI).¹ I had been faithfully visiting the hospital and repeated this exercise for two years. Consistently, the outcome was negative.

I had experienced blighted ovum twice, which means conception occurred and a fertilized egg implanted in the womb, but a baby did not develop. On the ultrasound scan, only an empty sac showed. This eventually led to a miscarriage. Blighted ovum occurring twice to the same woman is rare. The doctor advised my husband and I to go for genetic testing, which involved checking chromosomes for abnormalities.

Nothing we tried worked before Dr. Yong prayed over my husband and me. He was very concerned for us, because we could not have any children after so many years. He prayed for us in August 2008 and again in February 2010. I conceived my first daughter, Mika, in March after the successful completion of the first Asian Original Divine Principle Workshop, held in Bangkok.

When my pregnancy reached the fourth month, the doctor suggested I do an amniotic fluid test. This is a common prenatal test used to diagnose birth defects and genetic conditions. It is required when a woman is in the high-risk pregnancy category as I was, being a pregnant woman beyond thirty-five years of age. I refused to have the test done if it involved even a 1 percent risk that the baby might be aborted through the test. Conceiving required a painful effort. We were willing to accept whatever outcome occurred. Even if the test showed the baby had defects, how could we abort this child?

I gave birth to a baby girl on November 26, 2010. Her name is Mika, combining the sound "mi" as in "miracle" and "ka," which resembles the sound of "girl." Later, Dr. Yong suggested that my husband and I try for another baby. Ideally, this one should be a boy. Although my heart wanted to have one more child, I was quite hesitant. I wondered how this miracle could happen again. It would be another great challenge for me as I was forty-two years old when I gave birth to my first child.

When Mika was about and six months old, in March, Dr. Yong asked me to go to the Philippines to support the historic Mindanao Blessing Ceremony and ILC event, the first Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival in Asia. Dr. Yong mobilized all members in Asia to support this significant event and gave special directions to those who could not have children to participate. He said he would give a benediction prayer for couples who could not have children after the Blessing Ceremony. Many blessed wives and some husbands joined that mobilization. I joined as a staff member of the International Leadership Conference, because that was part of my mission. When all the events were over, Dr. Yong prayed for all those who could not have children on March 31, 2012. Based on that first event, seven other Blessing Festivals occurred throughout the Philippines. From there, they spread to other Asian nations.

Three months after the Mindanao Blessing, I conceived. I

¹ The injection of semen into the womb other than by sexual intercourse

gave birth to my second child, a boy, on April 7, 2013. I was forty-five then. Another miracle! Dr. Yong gave him a wonderful name, Hyo-joon. We are indeed grateful.



A MALAYSIAN-THAI COUPLE

My name is Waraporn Niyomsat. I am a Thai sister married to a Malaysian brother, Mr. Hon-Lim Wong. We started family in 2006. I was then thirty years old. My husband was thirty-one. I first became pregnant in 2007, but had a miscarriage in the third month. I was deeply depressed. Subsequently, I strongly hoped to become pregnant again in order to fulfill the three great blessings and the four realms of heart.

At Cheongpyeong, I joined a forty-day workshop to liberate my ancestors in February 2008 and a three-day special workshop in August of the same year. Before attending the Azalea Festival in May 2011, I offered prayers to God asking what I should do to have a baby. After I finished my prayer, I heard a voice: You should liberate your husband's ancestors.

One reason I participated in the festival was my hope to offer my desire and prayer in Dae-mo nim's prayer room. In Cheongpyeong, I liberated some of my husband's ancestors and wrote three golden wish papers. I was able to pray in Dae-mo nim's prayer room for five minutes. While praying, I saw True Parents in holy robes surrounded by shining bright golden light as they put forth their hands to bless me. The prayer ended with me feeling as if God had answered my prayer and blessed my request.

Back in Malaysia after the Azalea Festival, I dreamed of a three-year-old girl beside me in a room. The following day, I had the same dream but the little girl disappeared, and as I opened a cabinet, a foreign child appeared to me. I woke up feeling as if God had told me to go witnessing and could thereby be able to bear a child.

One day in August 2011, I had an unexpected opportunity to witness to a high school friend through Facebook. She added me to a conversation and I discovered she was still single, so I decided to witness to her. For three months, I immersed myself in witnessing to her, while I was in my hometown, Ratchaburi, Thailand, visiting my family, but to no avail.

In February 2012, wonderful news came from Rev. Sam (Koay Seng Yeoh), the national leader of Malaysia, that Dr. Yong Chong-shik, our regional president, would pray for blessed couples that were childless, but with the condition

that we agree to be mobilized for witnessing activities in Mindanao, Philippines, for twenty-one days and bring twenty-one days spiritual children to the Blessing Ceremony.

I was deep into thinking whether I should go because I had inadequate finances. On the other hand, I had heard that Sister Amy became pregnant after Dr. Yong prayed for her. I was motivated to go, but I was not able to pay for a trip to the Philippines. I prayed to God that I could go to the Philippines.

With the help of the national leader, my trip to Philippine was possible through money borrowed from members. I arrived at Davao in March 2012. I was assigned to Nabunturan Province. My team comprised six sisters—the leader from the Philippines, two from Thailand, one from Cambodia, one from Taiwan and I. Some foundation existed in Nabunturan Province already. A town leader, a blessed member, brought us around to meet families for witnessing.

One night, I had three separate dreams. First, a big storm came with wind gusting harshly and some portion of the ground was flooded with water. Second, I was carrying a baby girl. In the dream, True Father was smiling at me, and I felt a sense of peace in the dream. I woke up right after that. The dreams were so real, as though it would happen.

The next day, we went to a village located on a hill where gold mining is done. We were going to meet a family. All the way up, the hill was treeless. When we were about to go back, it started to rain. Soon the road flooded and became muddy. Rainwater from the hill quickly flowed down the road; it became an instant stream, and we could see no trace of the road. For me it was terrifying experience. Had we left later, we would have had to stay overnight at our guest's house.

The day after that incident, we visited another village to present a Divine Principle seminar. This time, we had to meet a family on a mountain. We arrived in the afternoon. By the time we finished, it was already evening. We could not have imagined how dangerous the road becomes when darkness falls. We had noticed in the daylight that no guardrails protected the vehicles. We were engulfed with fear while heading down the mountain, dreading that the car might fall off its track. When we finally arrived at the center, we were so glad and relieved.

On March 31, the Peace Blessing Ceremony took place. We managed to bring guests loaded in three buses. As for me, I only managed to bring two couples. This was my last day in the Philippines. I met my husband. With us were other couples at the Waterfront Hotel waiting in the meeting room where Dr. Yong was about to pray for childless couples. We organized ourselves into two groups, those in which the wife was under forty years old and those where she was forty or above.

Before Dr. Yong prayed, he conveyed to us the following four encouraging messages:

1. Couples are childless because of many complications in our ancestry. So, we should liberate our ancestors.
2. We should not think of our children as our own children; we should think of them as God's children.
3. We should offer US\$600 for bus rental service.
4. Once the prayer is offered, something will happen.

After his prayer, he shook hands with everyone. He shook my hand and confidently said, "You surely will have a baby." Five months later, after coming back to Malaysia, I was truly pregnant. In May 2013, I gave birth to a healthy baby girl. She is now four months old, her presence in our lives fulfills us. **JW**



A Lifetime Investment in Africa

By Annette Kamga Fotso

We are now in the time of the tribal messiahship and aware that our home churches represent the substantial Cheon Il Guk. Much responsibility came to Africa. As an elder African missionary, I would like to explain some experiences.

Early church life

I was born into a wealthy family in Germany. My father was a Doctor of Science and my mother owned a factory in Nuremberg. Yet, from early childhood, I had spiritual experiences. In 1969, I met the Unification Church in Essen. I was only a teenager and training to be a gymnastics teacher. Paul Werner, the national leader, realized that I had insufficient patience to listen to all the lectures; he showed me True Father's picture, explaining that the messiah was on earth. Many extraordinary experiences followed which compelled me to move into the center. In those days, we were asked to leave our schooling and even jobs to work full time. This was not easy. I loved sports, especially riding horses. I loved painting and I had an ability to write stories.

Our lives were lived on fund-raising teams and the witnessing teams, and we had to hide this reality from our parents.

In my pioneer center in Freiburg, I gained a foundation to lead centers. In 1972, I was sent with Christa Rennie¹ to Melbourne, Australia as missionaries. In those two years of witnessing, we found wonderful members that are now blessed and are cornerstones in our church. Some young members went with me to pioneer Adelaide and then Perth.

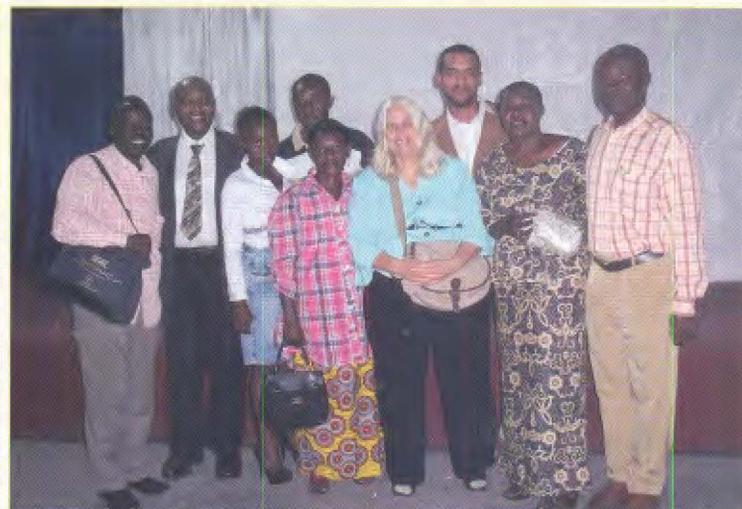
Missionary trinity work

I was called back to Germany in the great year of 1975 when the American, Japanese and German missionaries were sent to 120 nations. I volunteered for the Congo,² which was communist at the time. All our witnessing was underground. Personally, I found a good set up by studying in the University of Brazzaville³ while teaching in one college. Nevertheless,

1 Her surname then was Jensen.

2 Today, the Republic of the Congo

3 Renamed the University Marien Ngouabi in 1977



Growing up in Germany, Annette loved riding horses. Here, she uses horses to bring joy to blessed children; *Right:* Since 1975, Annette has been reaching out to African people. Annette and her husband meeting old friends in Kinshasa, DR Congo.

our Japanese member⁴ could not stay and Pamela (Stein)⁵ had to leave after our three-day imprisonment. One of her contacts had betrayed us.

I nearly died from cerebral malaria but Swedish missionaries picked me up. I was told that twelve of them made prayer conditions for my survival. I had been alone and the communist police were watching every step, temptations were everywhere but God himself found people to protect me. I obtained lodging from the leader of a conventional church. I had problems with his son, who wanted to marry me. One night we were fighting physically in the corridor that led to our rooms, but when I had no more strength, a vision came to him of a bright light watching us. He was never aggressive toward me again. He accused me of not being able to accept him because he was black.

In a dream, I saw a cottage full of splinters and asked, How can we prepare for True Parent to come to Africa? A voice answered, telling me I would marry a black man, but not one as black as Africans. My husband is the first African member. He joined in France where he went for studies and where European thinking influenced his mind.

In 1977, Pamela and I met again in Zaire,⁶ where we found the first members.

Important contacts

I crossed the Congo River with the last ship before all frontiers closed. The next day the president of Congo was killed.⁷ I had been told days before through the spirit world to leave and to take my caution money from the police.

There was so much work in Zaire and so many members joined in Kinshasa. We had also contact with the Kimbanguist Church⁸ founded by an African prophet who had received all the revelations they needed to bring their 5 million followers to the messiah. Unfortunately, Belgian colonists imprisoned him for life and he died after thirty years. His sons were now guiding the church. Soon I went with a member to open a pioneer center in Kisangani. There, after trials and hard work, I

4 Tsukasa Akaishi

5 Her surname then was Stockwell.

6 Today, the Democratic Republic of Congo

7 Marien Nguabi, who came to power by coup d'état in 1968 was assassinated on March 18.

8 Church of Jesus Christ on Earth Through the Prophet Simon Kimbangu

received a message to come to London for the blessing.

Eternal blessing

On September 13, 1978, I took a plane to London. That very night my husband Jacob Kamga Fotso had a dream that his wife was coming from Africa, but she was not African. He had been in the matching earlier that year in London. True Father had told him that his wife was not there. Nevertheless, True Father offered to find him a Guyanese lady. Jacob refused her, thinking about True Father's first statement. The whole night, leaders told him to accept her. The next day, in the matching room, True Father asked him for his answer. Jacob was ready to say yes, but True Father told him he does not want his answer of today but the answer he had in mind yesterday. So Jacob said no. Kim Won-pil took his socks off his own feet and gave them to Jacob. They were beige.

On September 14, I was also in the matching room. Jacob was told to go out because he had been in the matching earlier that year and was over thirty-five years old. However, Kim Won-pil did not allow him to pass through the doorway. When True Father saw Jacob standing in the doorway, he called him and me and matched us as the first African and European couple.

England and America

We were called to work in the home church providence with Kim Won-pil in London. This was the first teaching about home church with the musical festival and talk in the Royal Albert Hall.

Early in 1979, we had to prepare all our official marriage papers to get a visa for the United States, where we were to meet the Kimbanguist Church leaders and accompany them throughout America and finally to meet True Parents. Unfortunately, fearing that we would attempt to convert them to our faith, they did not come. While we were attending a forty-day workshop in the U.S., True Father introduced us in Belvedere as an African-European couple. That was a privilege. At the New Yorker Hotel in a thirtieth-floor apartment, True Father asked me to give my testimony. Later Jacob, gave his in front of the missionaries who attended the workshop.

Return to Africa

We were sent to Cameroon, Jacob's nation, in 1980. From there, I was called to Zaire to teach the home church provi-



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Left: At a recent workshop in Cameroon; **Right:** Annette's family, while in France—Christa, Annette, Ernst (at back) Martin and her husband Jacob Kamga Fotso; Jacob and Annette were the first African-European blessed couple.

Education from Heaven

By Letecia Cueme-Langtangar

Since Foundation Day, our families are focusing to work as tribal messiahs. During a church elders' meeting, one sister suggested that we educate our second-generation children. So, we gathered some blessed wives and one young woman from our second generation, Eunhwa Nekar. We named our group *Organisateur*, meaning simply "the organizers." Mrs. Hermine Hell Tarndolembaye was our leader. Together, we set up a schedule accompanied by spiritual conditions.

We divided our children into three teams. The first and second teams arrived at our church on a Saturday afternoon, so that they had a chance to eat and sleep together, a time for bonding. They need to feel that we are indeed one family. They had their education session the following day before the Sunday service began. The third team was optional. Whether or not we would be able to meet depended on if and when we could get together on a holiday. My experience lies with the third team, comprised of twelve- to eighteen-year-old members of our second generation and some from our first generation. These are younger physical family members living with our blessed families.

Our *Organisateur* leader told me two days before May 1, which was a holiday (Labor Day), to do something for this third team. Since I am a fulltime working mother, I tried to use my spare time to prepare what to teach. Chad's hot weather and the scarcity of electricity hinder our daily activities in so many ways. Eventually, I remembered a booklet of a forty-day workshop for international youth that I brought from Cheongpyeong when I was there during True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony and the liberation of our ancestors in September 2012. Memories came to my mind when I got hold of this booklet. I was thinking at the time that this would be useful for the education of both those in our first and second generations in Chad.

One of my prayers has been to contribute to the education our young generation. It was a blessing for me to have the wife of our national leader, Mrs. Beatrice Kunda Nekar, whose assistance was truly valuable especially in translation and internal guidance and also the contribution of Mrs. Lily Abaza Gogo, the wife of our assistant national leader. We had twenty



From left: Sitting: Hanil, Chanil, Myung-i Nekar, Kayeon, Mrs. Lili Gogo, Opine, So Nokoissem, Ngagaba, Richard, Dong-yeo

dence. We divided Kinshasa into many zones with five team leaders, fifty pioneers and a trinity leader for every three pioneers. Day after day, the pioneers and I visited the responsive families in the 360-home areas. Great success occurred, hundreds of members joined. Jacob came only once when I had severe hepatitis.

In 1982, Jacob and I were invited to a 120-day workshop in New York. After that, we went to Germany to speak to my parents. My mother paid for our tickets and my dress and Jacob's suit for the Blessing Ceremony in New York's Madison Square Garden.

We settled in Cameroon, where Jacob was national leader. When projects in Central Africa were closed down, much money came to Cameroon in CFA francs. Jacob used it in spite of my warning to open centers in different towns in Cameroon and the members did not reimburse the money. We took responsibility to give all the millions of CFA back, which took us several years. We had the happiness of raising our three blessed children Christa, Ernst and Martin, who later all studied and worked overseas. Ernst came back to work with us in home church and tribal messiah activities in Cameroon.

Regarding an original mission

In 2011, we went to France for an operation on Jacob's foot. Christa, who had studied in Korea and London, came to support us. On my birthday, an unknown black man offered to pay a large supermarket bill that Christa and I found we were

unable to pay because Christa suddenly forgot the number of her credit card, which she was using every day. When we paid back the man in our apartment, he showed us a tiny picture of the late Prophet Simon Kimbangu of the Kimbanguist Church and asked us, who were nearly suffocating and sweating in a cold flat in winter, to go to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC, formerly Zaire). Some spirit in his mind had told him to pay for us, follow us and tell us that we have to go to the DRC, but he did not know why.

We travelled back to Cameroon. Christa took three jobs to send us the money for our tickets and we went to DRC with Ernst. We had to witness once more to the Kimbanguist Church leaders in Nkamba, where they had constructed a holy city, New Jerusalem, 300 km. from Kinshasa. They now have 22 million followers. They were shocked to be reminded of Simon Kimbangu's original mission, to witness to the Messiah. Now they have no excuse because they had to be informed before Foundation Day.

A black man called Simon carried Jesus' cross, but if those spiritual leaders that were prepared do not take responsibility, we as tribal messiahs in home churches and our family tribes, can make up for this. We can play the role of thousands of Simons helping to carry the cross.

Home church expansion

After this, the regional leader, Rev. Futila, came to Cameroon and I was given the title, national home church leader for

participants. I picked the topic “Find your true self,” because I believe finding one’s true self is a necessary task for those in this age group among our children. This is the age wherein outside influences are very strong.

Through the result of this one-day workshop, we discovered that our second generation struggled a lot to show their identity in society—they are mocked by their schoolmates for having Korean names, which serves as a door for persecution.



Photo courtesy of Letecia Cueme-Langtangar

...anil, Wonyeon, Kiyeon and Dae-il; **Standing:** Letecia, Mrs. Kunda (slightly hidden), Chantal, Daekok, Geraldine, Djabaye, Aigouna, Anne

Korean names sound strange to those in a French-speaking African country. For example, Ki-yeon in French sounds like kwee-yer, or *cuillère*, the word in French for “spoon.” Dae-kook, when pronounced by French speakers, sounds like deukok. The French term, *deux coqs*, means “two cocks.” Wonyeon becomes “oignon,” meaning “onion.” The oldest female second-generation member in the workshop shared the experience that her name Kayeon became “cahier,” which means “notebook.” To stop being persecuted over this, she hid her Korean name and named herself Estella. What a pity!

The children cooperated in the discussion. At the end, each one of them wrote their resolution and read what they have learned as they better understood their identity as a Unificationist, regardless of generation.

They pledged to maintain their purity, and understand the four types of love (four great realms of heart). That each person’s resolution was exactly what he or she needed was amazing. Heaven moved this workshop! Our Heavenly Parent wanted to speak to each child through this workshop. One of them said, “I will testify to True Parents through my Korean name.” Aju!

Nearly every second-generation Unificationist in Chad proudly wears a necklace with a pendant containing True Parents’ picture. Many in our first generations want to wear one, but we do not have enough. We procured them from the Benin FFWPU.

Words are not adequate to express our experience, but three of us (mothers who were present) felt that this was education from Heaven. **JW**

Mrs. Cueme-Langtangar and her husband were blessed among the 30,000 couples. He is from Chad, she from the Philippines. They have one child named Wonyeon, and have been living in Chad since 1999.

Cameroon. We believe that if we distribute True Father’s autobiography and establish the home church with 360 homes, naturally, our clan tribal messiah work will be successful. I am trying to involve all members in one-day seminars about Vision 2020 centered on home church, and to follow up in each home church area with my assistants and all my family members. In addition, it is important to create events.

Our family had created several events using our horses and musical dance performances for the benefit of orphans and street children. In this way, we had a chance to talk over national television about our morals and goals. We are planning this year to make a musical festival with all the talented members to honor the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the proceeds of which will benefit a very important orphanage in Yaoundé. This will give even to the most timid home church pioneer the opportunity to visit his homes and explain who Rev. Moon was and distribute his autobiography.

Going home through home church

There is a message to the African people. We missionaries went through so many trials because of the African conditions. These are not limited to malaria, strange food and dirty water. They include polygamy, tribalism and witchcraft, which creates immense confusion in African society.

When I was a simple missionary I used to ignore those facts, thinking those who live the Principle will naturally overcome them. However, once I became blessed to an African and went to live in Africa again, I felt that all those are problems

for me to deal with. The African spirit world forced me to feel, through visions and emotions, what it means to be haunted by tribal wars and slavery.

We are all aware that the white men who bought the slaves and treated them with cruelty are guilty. However, I feel that Joseph, who was sold in Egypt, was more hateful to his brothers who sold him than to the people of Egypt who bought him. Perhaps the slaves sold and sent all over the world must have cursed their black brothers who had sold them. If there is no repentance, there is no new start. Did we Africans repent for selling our brothers? If we did not, it is natural that there is no progress. We still live amongst tribalism witchcraft and polygamy. (My husband’s father was a Christian but had eight wives.) When social help is given, the tribe in power gives to his own tribesmen. In universities and hospitals, you always pay to get special favors or you find your tribesmen to help you.

Now we have to make a new start. I believe in home church, we find all tribes and all conditions we need to restore. After the victory within our 360 homes, we will find approval when we go to our ancestors in the villages.

However, the liberation of Africa may depend as well on our Diaspora, those that have their roots here and need to return (even a symbolic number) and forgive. Their tribes are in Africa. There is no restoration without redemption. May our Heavenly Parent and True Parent’s victories inspire all of us to create the substantial Cheon Il Guk. **JW**



A Letter from Prof. Hwang

On 8.19 (September 23) True Mother appointed Professor Thomas Hwang (황엽주) as the international vice-president of FFWPU. In the course of his work to oversee mission activities worldwide and report the situation of the nations to True Parents, he now heads the FFWPU International Office, of which Today's World is a part. As a small means of facilitating harmonious interaction between Professor Hwang and those in the mission field, we requested that he take this opportunity to express his heart to our readers.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
I am grateful for this opportunity to greet our devoted brothers and sisters who are working hard to spread the kingdom of heaven, Cheon Il Guk, throughout the world. That kingdom is expanding now. Our blessed central family members are the people who cherish God's hope, working day and night with burning hearts to realize that divine hope. No one can put out the fire that burns in our hearts until the kingdom of heaven is realized on earth. That fire is the key to our success, the key to our victory. We are grateful to our True Parents, who lit this fire in our hearts.

The task of the FFWPU International Headquarters is to support the blessed central family members worldwide, to encourage you and support you so you can continue your ardent efforts until the kingdom comes. True Parents' victory has ensured that the kingdom will absolutely come. Our responsibility is to usher it in as quickly as possible.

Recently, True Mother has been emphasizing the creation of the environment for Cheon Il Guk. I would like to share with you several key points she has mentioned in explaining what this means.

First, throughout the history of God's providence, there have always been certain people who attended God in spirit and in truth, and thus attracted the holy spirit to work through them. Today, our FFWPU is the place in which God's holy spirit manifests and his words are substantially implemented. Among our blessed family members are some in particular through whom God's holy spirit is working, thanks to their sincere devotion and effort. Our church leaders need to recognize these people among our blessed central family members. We all need to encourage them and work together with them, so we can expand the work of the holy spirit within our community. As we pledge in the sixth article of our Family Pledge, we need to move heavenly fortune.

Secondly, in the world outside our group, there are also people who are capable of recognizing God's spirit and are prepared to receive his word. The focal point of our witnessing is to find such people, to give them new life and to have them join our community. We not only need to move heavenly fortune, we also need to expand it.

Through our members' lives of dedication we have developed a strong vertical tradition of heart centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents. This is the core and the center of Cheon Il Guk. However, now the time has come to expand our horizontal relationships and create a true culture of heart among brothers and sisters. True Parents have completely uprooted Satan's power. The foundation stone of God's kingdom has been laid and can never be moved. What we need to do now is to firmly lay the foundation of the culture of heart. Thus Mother has been speaking about the need to recognize and appreciate one another, to praise and uplift each other. This is the way

of life of true brothers and sisters, and the practice of true leaders.

Upon this foundation, True Mother has emphasized that we must educate our second and third generation and raise leaders among them. They are the owners of Cheon Il Guk and the hope of the future. It is the destiny of our descendants to lead the world, and it is our responsibility to prepare them to fulfill that destiny.

Finally, we need to claim the external environment for God. True Father pointed out many times that we need people, land and sovereignty. Now True Mother is stressing that tribal messiahship is the way to do this. This means sharing God's spirit and truth with our family, friends and neighbors, and thus expanding our community of heart. She even said that

witnessing is the best way to become rich! It is true that as our community grows, our material wealth will expand. Everything we need is already prepared by God.

Building Cheon Il Guk is not a simple or short-term task. But we must not be daunted by the challenges that lay ahead. We are the inheritors of True Parents' tradition of love and devotion, and the inheritors of their victory. Success is our destiny. Therefore, let us go forward with confidence to share with the world the gifts that True Parents have given to us—the holy light of our faith and the precious love of our hearts.

God bless you all in your important missions.

Thomas Hwang



On 9.6 (October 10) at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, in the presence of elders of the Korean movement, True Mother presents Prof. Hwang with his certificate of appointment as international vice-president of FFWPU.

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I'm sure readers want to know when the work might be concluded.

We are trying hard to finish the book by the first Foundation Day anniversary next year, in February. However if it turns into an absolute deadline we will have to rush somewhat. True Mother's vision is for this book to be read by us members, and by people who are not members, for years, for decades, to come. Mother is deeply concerned with how well it is done, but as we know, there are sometimes time constraints based on God's providential timetable.

Those are understandable monikers given the perceived

influence each of the True Parents had on the respective volumes. Yet this raises one fundamental issue: Doesn't Father and Mother's love transcend death? I feel that a couple that has reached so complete a relationship with God (as we marked on Foundation Day) would still be together even when one has departed this life. I can imagine one of Father's primary tasks would be to help Mother succeed in her mission on earth. This book would naturally be the result of Father and Mother's working together.

In its pages True Father reveals the God whose plan is for love to fill each human heart through our families and beyond, who defined the essential course of growth we must complete to realize this, and who has never given up coaching us one by one. Surely he would be speaking to us and healing the world through this work even if it were Mother's sole initiative. **TW**

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