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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

NO MATTER WHAT OUR MISSION OR SITUATION IS, ultimately we are each to become the "second self" of True Parents. This means we have to completely replace our satanic legacy by inheriting True Parents' words, heart, and tradition. God desires that we embrace the identity of "chosen people," like that of the Israelites. The Jewish people, based on Jacob's internal victory, were to create the ultimate foundation for the restoration of mankind. When God's purpose wasn't fulfilled, restoration had to continue centered upon Christianity, the Second Israel. Now the Unification movement, the Third Israel, must completely inherit the responsibility of the "chosen people." We must be different from other people, not because we signed membership or have some special attribute, but because we ourselves have deliberately chosen a lifestyle of sacrificial love for the sake of the world—as second selves of our True Parents.

Heung Jin Nim, through his embodiment, met recently with second selves (missionaries) and their wives in Nairobi, the Ivory Coast, and Athens, Greece. His urgent guidance was that every member must make a confession and repent. In front of Heung Jin Nim no one can hide any more. He outlined three major types of sin we need to confess:

1) **Violations of the heart.** The root of heart is true love. All of us have been perpetuators of selfish love; before we joined the church, we violated Heavenly Father's heart and True Parents' heart probably millions of times—in our minds and in our actual lifestyle. However, through the Blessing we can be forgiven; we are offered the incredibly precious opportunity to completely eliminate all our selfish and impure habits, feelings, and actions by being reborn in God's lineage of eternal life and true love. We can come to live as if there had been no fall—centered entirely on God's shimjung tradition. After the Blessing, God expects that we will no longer violate His heart. Thus, all impurities—sexual sins, masturbation, and indulging in pornography and other temptations—are unacceptable in God's eyes after the Blessing, and must be confessed. The standard for entering the Kingdom of Heaven is very strict and clear.

2) **Violations of the heavenly order.** Originally, Adam and Eve were to have matured in God's love and completed the four position foundation by becoming the True Father and True Mother. Through them all their descendants would naturally learn the right order of subject/object relationships:

vertically, the true parent/child relationship and horizontally, the true husband/wife relationship. But because of the fall, no one has achieved the position of God's true son or daughter or perfected husband and wife. In order to reach these positions, we must restore ourselves through proper Cain/Abel relationships.

It was Satan who first violated the original heavenly order; therefore, when there is the least bit of disorder or rebellion in our heart, Satan invades us. To solve this, Heung Jin Nim very strongly urged the second selves to absolutely observe the proper reporting system in *all* matters, both public and private. "You must always report your individual situation, as well as everything related to your mission, directly to your central figure," he urged. "Otherwise Satan can easily tempt you." Even though I felt Heung Jin Nim did not need my approval for his work, he said to me, "No, I must report all my activities with the second selves to headquarters, and through you, my report should reach True Parents." Only by reporting and getting permission through heavenly order can our activities be in heavenly territory, with God at the center.

3) **Violations of the proper use of all things.** God created all the things of creation for men and women to use with a public mind, for the public benefit. The misuse of public money is one of the worst conditions we can make.

After we go to the spirit world, we will be judged according to these three points. We cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven unless we clear up all our violations in these areas, committed both before and after we joined the church. That is why Heung Jin Nim is repeatedly urging us to confess everything, with no hiding or lying, to our central figure and get everything cleaned up now.

Protecting the heavenly blood lineage, the first point, is most important. Blessed couples have already received this precious lineage, and we must protect it. We need to carefully educate our blessed children in the heavenly tradition and teach them about God's shimjung. That is paramount; we need not worry so much about external things such as where we live or what we eat. We must care for our sons and daughters not just as our own children, but as bearers of the eternal heavenly blood lineage, which must never be stained. Heung Jin Nim was very serious about this point.

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▲Flags of the participating nations adorn the stage behind Father as he delivers his Founder's Address to the Ninth World Media Conference.
▼Dr. Bo Hi Pak introduces Father to some of the invited guests. Left to right: Mrs. Jehan Sadat, and the Hon. Arturo Sucre.



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THE NINTH WORLD MEDIA CONFERENCE

FOUNDER'S ADDRESS

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

SEPTEMBER 21, 1987

SEOUL, KOREA

DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMAN, ESTEEMED GUESTS, Ladies and Gentlemen: Thank you for coming such great distances to attend the Ninth World Media Conference.

I am grateful for the opportunity to address this gathering once again in my home country of Korea. I must tell you that I have a special personal interest in bringing you to Korea, one that goes beyond the World Media Conference.

As you know, we are preparing to host the Olympic Games here exactly one year from now. This is the first time this honor has come to Korea, and every Korean citizen is busy cleaning and preparing everything in anticipation of a great many visitors who will be arriving soon, most of them for the first time.

It was my recommendation that the Ninth World Media Conference be held in Korea because I wanted you distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the press to see our Olympic preparations ahead of time and be eyewitnesses to the world. We Koreans are a very determined people who are doing everything possible to assure the success and safety of the 1988 Olympic Games.

KOREA: TWO SEPARATE WORLDS

Because our conference topic this year is "Media Responsibility in a Divided World," it is appropriate that Korea be the location for this conference. Just 30 miles to the north, democracy and freedom confront the communist dictatorship of Kim Il Sung—the most repressive, regimented society existing anywhere in the world. Two separate worlds, one that accepts God and one that denies God, stand face-to-face in opposition.

There is no better place to find such striking and vivid differences than Korea. The peninsula of Korea is a microcosm of the worldwide struggle between freedom and tyranny, good and evil, democracy and communism.

Today, whether we like it or not, these two worlds are already at war. You might call this the Third World War. Although it is an entirely different form of warfare from the previous two, it is nonetheless a total war.

This is a war between two ways of life, two worldviews. Two conflicting value systems confront each other on every level of society. It is a war in which everything takes on strategic importance—not only militarily, but also in the realms of politics, economics, culture, and sports.

One side advocates an individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—sacred rights endowed by the Creator. The other side holds that man's destiny is

determined by the state. One side holds human life as sacred and sees a human being as a child of God. The other side sees man as no more than matter in motion. One side recognizes eternal existence and absolute values. To the other, all things are material—temporal, transient, and relative.

These two worlds are locked in a deadly struggle like ancient gladiators fighting to the death.

Many people believe these two worlds can coexist peacefully. I am afraid I cannot share their optimism. I wish I could, but I know that some things simply cannot coexist.

Light and darkness cannot coexist. Light dispels darkness. Truth and lies cannot coexist. Truth must prevail. A person cannot be both alive and dead. The dead must be buried and the living must continue.

THE CRUELTY OF COMMUNISM

The worldwide conflict today between democracy and communism is a fight between light and darkness, truth and lies, life and death.

As you know, in its brief 70-year history, the death-toll of communism has exceeded 150 million—and the killing continues even today in North Korean concentration camps, in the Soviet gulag, in the jungles of Southeast Asia, and in many other parts of the world.

I experienced the cruelty of the communist system when I was imprisoned in North Korea before the Korean War. More than a prison, it was a death camp, where the average prisoner survived only six months. It was only by the grace of God that I was liberated from this terror by General MacArthur's forces on October 14, 1950—the day before my scheduled execution.

During my two years and eight months in the camp I experienced the evil of that system to the depths of my soul. I saw the worst of the inhumanity of Marxism in action, and I knew it could annihilate the world if left unchecked. From that time, I dedicated myself to fight and be victorious over the communist ideology.

An ideology can be defeated only by another ideology—fire with fire. Therefore, the deadly struggle we are engaged in today is a war of ideas.

This war cannot be fought by military means alone. Furthermore, the communists cannot be bribed into giving up. Communism can only be confronted and defeated in one way: The false idea must be overcome by a true idea in the way light overcomes darkness.

In my search for truth I have come to realize that the core evil of communism stems from its militant denial of

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the very existence of God and a denial of the eternal life of man.

When you deny God, you are responsible to no one. You can take the law into your own hands. The ends justify the means. Man tries to take the place of God. On the basis of a complete denial of God, the doctrine of communism was born.

GODISM—A NEW VISION

When we identify militant atheism as the very essence of communism, it becomes clear that the superior ideology that can put an end to communism must be a God-affirming one. We call this ideology "Godism," or "Headwing Thought." As an absolutely God-centered worldview, Godism is the most effective weapon in the war to liberate people from communism. God alone overcomes godlessness.

The communist world, based on atheism, has failed to fulfill the human dream. Likewise, the free world has become materialistic and has forgotten God. It is falling into the same pitfall as that of communism, and is helpless in the face of this great world crisis. In a world that is dark with confusion, Godism brings a new vision.

Many have noted that my teaching and movement have made a constructive impact on the world—not just in religion, but in every aspect of society.

I believe it is the duty of free people everywhere to unite together with compassion to liberate the people suffering under the yoke of communism.

Our goal, then, is not just anticommunism, but the liberation of the communist world. In 1976, we held a rally of 300,000 Americans at the Washington Monument. This was the culmination of my public speaking in America. The very next day I announced that the next rally of this type would be held in Moscow. It is compassion and love for humanity that is motivating us. We are committed to the freedom of all people—to let freedom ring in every corner of the world.

I know that nearly 2 billion people living under tyranny are waiting for this day of liberation. While free people hesitate, uncommitted and ambivalent, millions more perish, today and every day.

A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN THIS WAR

In this war, the media is a crucial factor, maybe even the deciding factor. As journalists who express ideas, you are playing a major role in the struggle between democracy and totalitarianism. Those who recognize this can make a great difference in the outcome. Those who do not can be manipulated. More than ever before, the pen is mightier than the sword—and the mightier the power, the greater the responsibility as well. The enormous power of the media carries with it an enormous responsibility to be a

guardian of the ideals of an open and free society.

I have always believed that the media must be free, and that a free press must also be a responsible press. And a responsible press is a moral press.

What do we mean by a moral media? We recognize that human beings have God-given rights and dignity. The preservation of human rights and human dignity must be the standard of all ethics and morality. Therefore, the media must stand at the very forefront in the defense of freedom and the crusade against injustice. The media must lead in the fight against totalitarianism. Furthermore, in the service of morality the media must oppose corruption and racism, and vindicate the unjustly accused. A moral media must lead the fight against drug abuse, pornography, and many other destructive vices of our society. A moral media is society's conscience.

I founded the World Media Association to promote free expression in the media wherever it is oppressed and to encourage a responsible media wherever freedom of the press already exists. Furthermore, I founded this important organization to promote the spirit of truth so that all media professionals can become uncompromising champions of truth.

We have held this conference annually and have conducted numerous fact-finding tours with media professionals all over the world, including the Soviet Union, China, South Africa, Mozambique, Angola, Cambodia, and Central America.

These tours are a search for truth, giving journalists an opportunity to experience the world firsthand. I am proud of what the World Media Association has accomplished in the past nine years.

FIND OUT WHAT I AM TEACHING

Many of you may be seeing me in person for the first time, although I am sure you have seen many stories about me on television and in your own newspapers. You might agree that some of the more exciting stories about Rev. Moon have even helped sell more newspapers or bring a bigger audience to your newscasts.

So, since I have helped you all these years, I would now like to ask you for one favor: Find out what I am teaching and what kind of life I am living. Conduct your own open-minded and thorough investigation, and draw your own conclusions. Korea is a good place to begin.

If our deliberation here can make substantial progress toward the realization of a free world, then we must commit our total effort, our resources, and even our lives for that end.

I wish you well in this worthy project. Thank you for coming and may God bless you. □

TAKING DOMINION

SPEECH TO THE 40-DAY TRAINEES

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
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Translator: Mr. Peter Kim.

IF GOD IS ABSOLUTE, THEN WHY DOES HE NEED PEOPLE like you to fulfill His will? The answer is because man fell. Originally, human beings should never have been controlled by Satan, but now they are. Why couldn't God eliminate Satan right away? The best answer—and also the source of all our problems—is that man inherited Satan's blood lineage. Do you perceive in your daily life how you have inherited Satan's nature? When you are pushed, you resist. Is that Satan's or God's influence? Pride in position is a result of Satan's blood lineage. Your education has been contaminated by this inheritance. Who can help you cut off from Satan's lineage? Only the Messiah.

However, to restore the world, the Messiah needs a strong foundation—which you must provide. Only when you have the determination to save the entire world—not just your own country—can you justifiably claim that Satan must leave. We must enable everyone to cut off from Satan's blood lineage, be liberated from Satan, and unite completely, thus subjugating Satan. In this way we can enable God to reclaim the world. In a sense, God considers all 5 billion people on earth as if they were just two people—Adam and Eve. Originally, man's mind and body were to have been united, centering on the original love from God and True Parents. All people would have been naturally pulled together by the power of that love. When the people on earth today become absolutely united with God, Satan will surrender.

OBEDIENCE AND CONVICTION

Jesus could come as the Messiah because in his lineage a condition was made to enable him to be born with no attachment to Satan's lineage. As we read the story of Tamar in the Bible, we see that the twin who was to have been the second son was in fact born first, restoring back to God, on a tribal level, the elder son's position, which had been claimed by Satan until that point. Jesus himself came in the younger son's position in relationship to John the Baptist, who should have served and completely united with him in order to restore the true elder son's position on the national level. Because of John's failure to follow Jesus, however, neither Judea nor Rome could be restored, and there was no foundation for world restoration. Just as those of his day should have followed Jesus without any resistance whatsoever, you too need to be obedient and follow the Messiah.

Can you make the statement, "I believe and trust in Father absolutely"? You must remember that you first have to get rid of Satan, be liberated from Satan, subjugate

Satan, and prosecute Satan. You should make a clear statement, "Satan, you committed this and that crime, so you have to surrender." Satan may retort, "That's the Principle view, but remember, you are still part of my blood lineage." Then you clearly must affirm, "I cut off from this lineage of Satan long ago. Therefore, Satan, leave me!" When you stand in accord with the Principle, Satan has to obey and leave. After separation from Satan, you must restore the true elder son's position and work hard to gain at least three spiritual children who can devote their entire lives for your sake. Only then can you go to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Principle teaches you how to avoid Satan's influence, but it cannot make Satan go away from you. It only shows you the narrow track you have to follow in order to reach heaven. One step off the track, and Satan can claim you. That's how important it is to cut completely from Satan's lineage. Have you been living your life with this kind of seriousness?

Think about how many times you have acted as Satan's agent to some extent. All the men here, when you see a pretty woman, do you look at her from the perspective of a man reborn with God's grace or as a man with Satan's blood lineage? You may have to go through the situation in which the most beautiful woman in the world is standing naked in front of you, and yet you feel absolutely zero temptation, thinking of nothing but God. Can you do it? Even if that woman is crying out, "Please come to me!" how would you act? This is a very serious matter. You must realize that the root of fallen man is scarred and dirty. Mankind is shameful in front of the trees, the air, everything in nature.

OUR ROLE AS CO-CREATORS

If we want to accomplish our responsibility, we must share God's responsibility as co-creators. You are still in the indirect dominion; therefore, you can be easily accused by Satan. According to the Principle, God can't deal with us directly when we are in that realm; He has to first wait for us to fulfill our responsibility on our own. It is very important to understand that at both the time of the fall and now, God can't interfere in our portion of responsibility. This is so that 1) man can be a co-creator, 2) man can have dominion over the whole world, and 3) the absoluteness of the Principle is maintained.

We cannot continue to be arrogant. We must practice patience and the forgiveness of our enemies. When the Blessing, which involves the process of engrafting, is given to you, remember that it is conditional and depends upon

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the completion of your own effort through eight different levels, from individual to cosmic. True Parents cannot do it all. You have to take responsibility to cling to the true branch that is engrafted into you and make your life there. That's why it is called "conditional."

I took responsibility for world restoration on my own shoulders, not even avoiding prison. Why? It was all for your sake. In the Unification Church you have felt able to live your life much more freely than I have, but you should be determined to go even beyond me. Somehow, I don't see that kind of spirit in you. If you don't work harder than I do, how can I be liberated?

How can you make yourselves more hard-working? I am going to put you through a really hard training course because I want you to be even more determined than I am. You must go through the complete vertical and horizontal indemnity course. The vertical level is the internal level of closeness to God: from servant of servants to servant, adopted son, step son, true son, husband, father, and ultimately being one with God. The horizontal level is the external level of achievement: from the individual to the family, clan, society, nation, world, cosmos, and finally, God. Have you ever thought, "I'm in the position of servant of servants and I'm now fighting Satan on the world level"? If you haven't thought in those terms and aren't clear what stage you are in, you cannot rise to a higher level. Satan won't let you. Without consciously going through our own personal indemnity course, vertically and horizontally, we cannot return to God, and we cannot liberate this world. In restoration we begin at the bottom, as a servant of servants, not in the middle. Man, not God, has to make the condition, otherwise Satan won't give his approval. Therefore, we need to seriously pray and work to be able to complete the highest levels of indemnity.

REESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATION

God prepared a great historical opportunity for America right after World War II. If Korean and American Christianity had united then, centered on America, North and South Korea wouldn't have been split apart and Mao Tse-tung wouldn't have taken over China. If the world leaders



had understood me then, God's will could have been fulfilled 40 years ago. There would be no secular humanism or communist influence today. If all Christian people had united as one, it would have been relatively easy to liberate the rest of humanity and chase out Satan completely. Now we must educate American Christians so they can help bring the world under God.

If I had not come, this world would be completely subjugated by Satan by now. How serious my portion of responsibility is! One mistaken step and I would have tumbled off the cliff. If I hadn't realized clearly what had to be done when the 4,000 years of indemnity were lost at the end of World War II, there would have been no hope for God's

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side. However, I was able to create a base for a new world-wide foundation. The spirit world has been crying out, tearfully longing for True Parents to appear. How critical it is to fulfill in this time!

It was not my mistake, yet I took responsibility, fighting alone with no friends or supporters, to reestablish the foundation for the Messiah all over the world. I was only 25 years old, and I had no position in society; I was just a laborer. Who could be humble in front of such a person? Even very prepared spiritual leaders couldn't follow me. Can you easily say, "Yes, I will follow"?

As you begin to truly understand my course, you should determine yourself to go through tougher training than you have ever experienced before. When you kneel and bow to Heavenly Father and True Parents, you have to remember that millions of your ancestors are crying in joy and sorrow in that moment. You must understand your position. I believe that even God is thankful to me. If you are always thinking about God, you will have no room to complain about having to work hard.

If there had been no fall, there would be no Satan—only True Parents and endless generations of True Children connected in one love lineage. Now you can inherit from True Parents their love and sacrificial indemnity conditions in direct proportion to how much you love them and connect with their heart. The one who sincerely loves and sacrifices the most inherits the most. That is indemnity centering on love. Your determination and attitude must be such that even if you had to sacrifice everything, you would want to work for God and complete the cleaning-up work.

WHERE RESTORATION BEGINS

Now the elder son, Satan's side, represented at this time by communism, is declining; while the younger son, God's side, represented by democracy, is rising. We on God's side must have love that overpowers satanic love and turns people around 180 degrees—to follow God's "headwing" direction into the Kingdom of Heaven. We must completely forget about self-centered thinking and individualism and focus on winning the cosmic battle between communism and Godism.

The purpose of the historical struggle between Cain and Abel is to restore the rightful position of the younger son, so that he may separate from Satan, claim the elder son's birthright, and unite with the heavenly parents. Abel's position can be restored only when Cain, the elder brother, is willing to give everything, including his life, to help and serve his younger brother. It can only happen when the elder son turns around and sheds tears of regret over his mistreatment of his younger brother. Repentance starts from this kind of guilty conscience. When this happens, the elder brother takes the younger brother's position and hopes that his younger brother, now in the elder brother's

position, will take him to their Parents to be saved and forgiven. This is the time true confession will take place. When people hear the Principle for the first time, those who really understand it with their heart come forward to the lecturer and repent and confess everything in tears. That's the point where the history of restoration, centering on you, begins.

Satan wants most to take over Korea (the Adam country), then Japan (the Eve country), and next America and Germany (the Abel and Cain archangel countries). I have made the foundation for these four countries to work together for God, so that the entire world can turn around. The archangel must follow, help, and support Adam. If America abandons Korea, both countries will perish. The position of the archangel can be likened to that of the keeper of the warehouse; all the material goods are being kept in America. But if the archangel country is foolish enough to think that all this material wealth is its own, then the wealth will gradually be transferred to Japan. Since 1978, this has already started to take place. Material wealth will be transferred from the archangel, to Eve, to Adam, and finally to God—from America to Japan to Korea.

YOUR LIFE FORMULA

I have been working to save America by connecting concerned and responsible people and organizations all over the world through the power of love. I founded many organizations and projects for the sake of saving this country—not out of jealousy but out of love. Satan can never accuse me. By practicing the tradition of loving my enemy, even in Danbury, I have gone from the place where everyone opposed me to the point at which people want to sit near me. Now you must follow this course exactly. Please think about how you can represent the world.

You absolutely need Parents to be born again. Yet so far, you only have a conditional base; you must fulfill your portion of responsibility in order to inherit the heavenly lineage. You absolutely need to bring Cain to God or Satan won't release you. In order to take the elder brother's position and birthright, be released from Satan's blood lineage, and connect with True Parents, you must love Cain.

In the spirit world you will be checked to see if you did everything 100 percent. Spiritually it will be just like pushing a button and seeing your whole life on videotape. You can't make excuses or deny anything.

This is your lifetime formula. Please don't complain. Every morning when you get up and wash your face, look at your eyes, your nose, your mouth, and your ears, and decide right then and there to see, smell, taste, and hear everything only for the sake of God. Forget your old situations and all your old concepts. Study hard and stay healthy. □

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BECOMING VICTORIOUS PEOPLE

by Dr. Joon Ho Seuk

From a sermon given at Belvedere on October 4, 1987.

TODAY IS OCTOBER 4—THE DAY OF Victory of Heaven. The title of the sermon that Father gave this morning in Korea was: "Day of Heavenly Victory and I." In his speech Father said, "As Jacob won the victory over the angel and received the name of Israel, we also must be victorious people who can separate ourselves from Satan completely. We must be true men and women of whom God can be proud. Let us fulfill our portion of responsibility so we can bring victory for heaven."

learned a great deal about attendance and total commitment of heart from him and the other True Children. When I went to the Second CARP Convention in Japan two years ago, Kook Jin Nim, 15 years old at the time, accompanied Hyo Jin Nim. Kook Jin Nim truly attended his elder brother with love. He always got up earlier in the morning than Hyo Jin Nim and waited for him. At night he would go to bed only after Hyo Jin Nim retired. He would sit down at the breakfast table only after Hyo Jin Nim sat down. Only when Hyo Jin Nim started eating did he start eat-

selfs and fulfill our responsibility as true children of God and True Parents.

In August of this year, I went with Hyo Jin Nim to Berlin for the Fourth CARP Convention. It was very dangerous, because there was a lot of opposition from the communists, including many bomb threats. Father had urged Hyo Jin Nim not to attend the rally at the Berlin Wall, but surprisingly, Hyo Jin Nim not only participated in it, he actually led the march, walking unprotected through the city streets for almost two hours. I determined to walk with him, right by his side. I thought, "There are many crazy people in this city who might try to kill Hyo Jin Nim. Am I ready to protect him at the cost of my life?" That was a really serious question in my heart. Hyo Jin Nim said, "My life is in God's hands. If someone really wanted to kill me, he could kill me anywhere. I don't exist. My life is only for God." I was deeply inspired by his courage. Despite the jeering and stone throwing and constant threats, Hyo Jin Nim marched all the way to the Wall. He spoke powerfully and prayed a very deep prayer at the Wall. The Berlin Convention was definitely a victory for heaven.

After the rally Father and Mother called Hyo Jin Nim, and they were greatly pleased to learn about the Berlin victory. They wanted Hyo Jin Nim to come to Alaska right away, as well as Rev. Bong Tae Kim and myself.



Father delivers his October 4 speech, "Day of Heavenly Victory and I," at the headquarters church in Seoul.

Let's think about what this means. Often members say, "It seems almost impossible to be like True Parents. True Parents are too high." But when we see the True Children maturing in such profound and beautiful ways, we can gain new hope for our own potential to become victorious people.

Lessons in attendance

As the leader of CARP, I have had the privilege of accompanying Hyo Jin Nim to many places, and I have

ing, and when Hyo Jin Nim stopped eating, he also stopped. I was moved to see such discipline and order among True Parents' children, and to realize how deeply they know the heart of attendance and love. I'll never forget the calligraphy that Kook Jin Nim wrote in Japan at the request of the Japanese members. He wrote: "We came to this world not to join with it, but to win over it." I know that before we can win over this world, we must win over our-

Trials in the jungle

The day after we arrived in Kodiak, I thought we would be going fishing, but Father suggested that Rev. Kim, Jin Whi Nim, and I accompany Hyo Jin Nim on a hunting trip. So the four of us, along with two security brothers, set out right away. I wasn't all that excited to go, because I was exhausted from the convention and the long flight from Germany to Alaska, and besides, I had never been

hunting in my life.

I expected we would go hunting nearby, but we headed out to the airport. I saw a tiny airplane on the runway—so ancient and rusty and noisy I thought it was a museum piece. But we got in it, and miraculously it flew, taking us over beautiful, green, peaceful-looking islands and lakes. After 40 minutes in the air, we landed on the shore of a large island and pulled out all the baggage, food, and hunting equipment. I thought the airplane would wait for us, but the pilot said, "So long. I'll come back for you in four days." I was shocked. I looked around, and there were no human beings, no electricity, no drinking water, no telephones, nothing except the small cabin where we would stay.

Hyo Jin Nim wanted to start out immediately. I thought we would be hunting right there by the shore, but Hyo Jin Nim said, "We've got to climb to the top of that mountain, because that's where the deer are." To get there, we first had to fight through a thick jungle, which was even worse than I had experienced in Vietnam. We could barely move forward through the tangled undergrowth. It was swampy and slippery underfoot, and many times we stumbled and fell, getting scratched and cut by the underbrush. After more than an hour and a half of this, we started climb-



Dense fog begins to roll in over the mountain ridge as Hyo Jin Nim goes out in search of a deer.

mountain and try to find Hyo Jin Nim at the place where the plane had landed. On the way back through the jungle we were blocked by the thick undergrowth and thus forced to find another way down so many times that we got totally lost. We felt like throwing away the heavy guns and equipment we were carrying. Almost in tears, shedding sweat and even blood from our cuts and scratches, we feared we might never be found!

give up or be tempted to throw away my gun and backpack.

Finally, after over four hours of fighting our way through the jungle, we arrived at the shore, but Hyo Jin Nim wasn't there. We began shouting and shouting. Finally, around midnight, Hyo Jin Nim heard us, and he and the others came to where we were. I was so happy to see them! We sat down and had a very joyful dinner together.

The next day we arose early and started out again. I was very tired, but I couldn't say anything about it to Hyo Jin Nim. He asked me to carry the water containers. I never knew that water was so heavy! Back through the jungle and up the mountain we crawled. My only comfort was finding a few patches of delicious wild strawberries. Again at the top, I collapsed, and while I rested, Hyo Jin Nim and the others disappeared.

It was frightening to be alone on this desolate mountaintop. The sky filled with dark, heavy clouds, until it became so black I couldn't see more than a few feet ahead of me. I had to move around just to keep warm in the cold rain. I knew that to attempt the three-hour journey back down the mountain in the dark was very dangerous. I was extremely tired and wanted to pray, but I couldn't close my eyes because I was afraid of the wild animals. I started shouting to bolster my courage, but that became

When we see the True Children maturing in such profound and beautiful ways, we can gain new hope for our own potential to become victorious people.

ing. The mountain was so steep that we had to crawl on our hands and knees. For more than two hours we made our way up the side of the mountain, sweating like crazy.

When we reached the top, I was so exhausted I almost collapsed. Hyo Jin Nim and the others went off looking for deer. Rain was coming down heavily all around me, and I lost any sense of direction, so I just stayed where I was. Many, many hours passed, until evening came, and still Hyo Jin Nim did not come back. Finally, Rev. Kim and I decided to go back down the

Going the suffering path

For the first time, I *really* felt Heavenly Father's lonely, suffering, thorny path. I thought of True Father's desolate wilderness course, which he went through alone and utterly without comfort, shedding his sweat, blood, and tears. I realized that what I was experiencing in this jungle was *nothing* compared to what he has been going through—not for just one day but for the last 40 years. Thinking about Father gave me the strength and determination to advance and to not

boring. So I began to sing one song after another, sometimes the same song ten times in a row.

As I sang, I remembered one time when Father was speaking to some guests around the breakfast table. He said, "When I started my public ministry 40 years ago, it was as if I were completely surrounded by stormy clouds, satanic powers, so dark I couldn't see even one inch ahead of me, with enemies everywhere. I was desperate to remove those clouds, but it seemed totally impossible." But even under such lonely and fearful circumstances, Father never gave up; he only determined to become stronger and stronger, and gradually he was able to overcome that terrifying darkness. Now, lost in the darkness of this mountain, surrounded by enemies—the wild animals—I felt that for the first time I could really understand what Father had been describing. Then I thought of how much easier our members' situation is now, compared with Father's in those early dark times, and I gained the power to go beyond my fear and loneliness.

Not just a hunting trip

I began to sing more boldly, especially since no one could hear me! After about two hours of singing, a life record for me, I heard someone coming, and I immediately became shy. It was Hyo Jin Nim! He said, "Without hearing your beautiful singing, I

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wouldn't have been able to find you in this darkness." For the first time in my life my singing was appreciated! We came back down the mountain together. I stumbled and slipped many times on the way down.

The next morning Hyo Jin Nim wanted to start right out again. I almost told him, "I can't go. I think I hurt my back carrying the water yesterday." Then I thought, "This is not just a hunting trip. This is spiritual training. God is trying to teach me to



Neil Shuckerow with Hyo Jin Nim and his two deer near Spiridon Lake on Kodiak Island, where Dr. Seuk's experiences took place.

have the heart of attendance under any circumstances." So I couldn't complain. Out of compassion Hyo Jin Nim gave me only the sandwiches to carry instead of the water.

At the top of the mountain, again I found myself alone, feeling lost. When it finally started to get dark, I began looking around anxiously for Hyo Jin Nim to come. I saw something coming toward me, but it wasn't a human being. It was a bear! I reached to pull my gun, but then realized I had left it behind because it was so heavy! I had just wanted to attend Hyo Jin Nim and carry the sandwiches!

ing suspense, the bear started moving away from me, little by little. Within another 30 minutes he had disappeared over the side of the hill. Soon afterwards Hyo Jin Nim found me, and I told him all about the bear. We came down the mountain together, but we didn't see the bear again.

During these three days Hyo Jin Nim caught two beautiful deer. We made a trophy of one of the heads. The other deer was brought back to East Garden and was served to all the guests who came for In Jin Nim's and Hyung Jin Nim's birthday celebration on September 1.

Taking Father's burden

The next day we flew back to New York. About two weeks later Hyo Jin Nim and I attended the West Coast CARP workshop. All the members were inspired by Hyo Jin Nim's speech, particularly the new members. Three new members who had been planning to leave each made a deep commitment to God and True Parents after listening to Hyo Jin Nim.

On the way back to the airport Hyo Jin Nim suddenly told me, "We must go to Death Valley." We flew to Las Vegas and then rented a car to drive out to Death Valley, which is the lowest, driest, and hottest spot in the Western Hemisphere—282 feet below sea level. It is actually a huge dried-up lake bed, miles and miles wide. Hyo Jin Nim, along with myself and a few others, began to walk straight across this vast salt-covered lake bed. After an hour and a half of

The bear looked at me, and I looked at him. We were like two animals watching each other. He looked fierce, and I was a little scared, although I tried not to show it. After all, I'm the leader of CARP. Then I prayed my most fervent wish in that moment, "Please, bear, don't feel hungry!" The bear and I kept staring at each other. Then he began walking around and around, but he didn't approach me. I thought, "He must feel some spiritual power!" After 30 minutes of agoniz-

walking, we were still far from the other side. Finally Hyo Jin Nim stopped and began to pray in Korean. I had never heard him offer a prayer of such deep and profound personal commitment.

He said, in essence, "The reason I came to Death Valley is because it's the symbol of death, the symbol of the lowest place in Satan's world, and I am determined to conquer evil. I am determined to conquer the worst problems of the world—the problems of the Mafia, immorality, drug trafficking, atheistic communism, secular humanism, everything. I want to take the burden away from God and True Parents. I want to bring a victory for them, so they can take a rest. They have already suffered more than enough. They deserve much more than they have right now. They paid the indemnity for us—for all mankind—so now the time has come when I must fulfill my responsibility, inherit Father's mission, and take Father's burden as my own." I felt how happy God and True Parents must be to receive that pledge of total commitment from Hyo Jin Nim. Repentfully, I resolved to try to match his determination and to renew my effort to be a filial son of whom God and True Parents can be proud.

Several days later, Hyo Jin Nim traveled to the East Coast for a CARP workshop in Pennsylvania. Afterwards we drove to Valley Forge, the place where the American Revolu-

cosmic level. Many of us may go to Korea in the future. You don't know either the culture or the language. You may one day find yourself in the remote Korean countryside, with poor accommodations, no bathrooms, and no hamburgers, only kimchee and rice! If you don't have a strong

How proud Father and Mother must be of Hyo Jin Nim—and of Heung Jin Nim! I remember the first time Father and Mother came to see Heung Jin Nim in the hospital after his accident. Mother was crying and crying, and Father was comforting Mother, saying "Don't cry. Just take



Hyo Jin Nim shows off one of his deer at North Garden. Left to right: Father, Young Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Mother, and Hyung Jin Nim.

determination to overcome all difficulties and hardships, you cannot bring victory in Korea. You should have a pioneering spirit, like the Pilgrim Fathers who founded this country. Those who remain in America should make 10 times more effort to compensate for those who left for

rest." When Father saw me, he asked me in a very concerned way, "How are your members?" The average parent would be just going crazy under such tragic circumstances, but he was worried about my members! Only when Father said good-bye to his son did he shed tears. You can imagine how sorrowful he must have been. But at the same time, Father was so proud of Heung Jin Nim, an exemplary son who sacrificed his life for the sake of all mankind.

I feel Father hopes we will follow the pattern and example of Heung Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim and be filial sons and daughters of God and True Parents. We can identify with them because they are young, like us. We can use their example and follow them and strive to be like them.

Today, we must make a new determination to become victorious individually. As Father told us this morning, "Let us become true men and women, victorious people of whom God can be proud." Then we can bring heavenly victory, total victory, for God and True Parents. □

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tionary soldiers were camped during the bitterly cold winter of 1777-78. There Hyo Jin Nim prayed, "Our determination should be greater than that of the American soldiers who fought for national independence. We were called by God directly and personally to be champions for world and cosmic independence. Those in the spirit world who suffered so bravely at Valley Forge, please help us."

Through his prayer, I again felt how we too must be determined to be champions for independence on a

Korea. Then we can fulfill our portion of responsibility and truly become victorious people.

Recently a new guest who had just finished a two-day Principle workshop saw the video of Hyo Jin Nim's march and speech at the Berlin Wall, and said, "Now I understand those lectures. Hyo Jin Nim must be the Messiah!" When I reported this to Father, Father was so happy. He said, laughing, "Yes, that's true. Hyo Jin Nim is the Messiah for the younger generation."



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THE NINTH WORLD MEDIA CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 20-24, 1987 — SEOUL, KOREA

THE WORLD MEDIA ASSOCIATION (WMA), founded by Father in 1978 and jointly sponsored by The Washington Times Corporation and News World Communications, has held international conferences—many of which True Parents have attended—almost every year since its inception: four in New York, one in Washington DC, one in Tokyo, and two in Seoul. Each year invitations are extended to those in the media profession who are interested in advancing a high standard of journalistic ethics and in protecting the right of all citizens to have access to free and responsible media.

The Ninth World Media Conference, held in the beautiful Lotte Hotel in Seoul from September 20-24, 1987, was attended by 278 journalists from 37 countries, who met to discuss the theme: "Media Responsibility in a Divided World."

For three days, over 25 distinguished speakers presented information and insights focusing on: "The U.S. Perspective on the Media-Government Relationship"; "Developing World Perspectives on the Media-Government Relationship"; "East-West Trade and Mutual Defense: Media as Observer/Policy Maker"; and "Media Coverage of Economic and Political Rights."

The six featured speakers were: Dr. John R. Silber, president of Boston University and a member of Reagan's National Bipartisan Committee on Central America; Dr. Ron Godwin, senior vice president of The Washington Times Corporation and former assistant to Rev. Jerry Falwell; Madame Jehan Sadat, former First Lady of Egypt and a founder of many humanitarian organizations; Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor in chief of *The Washington Times* and former senior ed-

itor of *Newsweek*; Dr. John E. Lehman, former Secretary of the Navy; and Retired Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in Vietnam from 1968-1970.

This year Father and Mother attended the Welcoming Reception, the Opening Plenary Session, at which Father delivered his Founders' Address [see p. 4], and the Farewell Banquet. At the Opening Plenary Session, greetings were offered to all the participants by the president of WMA, Dr. Bo Hi Pak. The 1987 Media Ethics Award was given by Father to two people in the media profession whom the WMA Board of Chairmen felt best exemplified courage, sacrifice, and devotion in the pursuit of journalistic integrity—Reed Irvine, founder of the media watchdog Accuracy In Media, and Guillermo Cano Isaza, editor of *El Espectador* in Bogota, Colombia, who was assassi-

PRAYER WORKS WONDERS

by Larry Moffitt



Mr. Larry Moffitt.

THE END OF SEPTEMBER SAW THE successful completion of the Ninth World Media Conference, which like every previous conference had a noticeably better quality of speakers and participants than the ones before.

For example, our slate of distinguished speakers included three U.S. congressmen; Mrs. Anwar Sadat, widow of the late President of Egypt; Mrs. Salvador Laurel, wife of the Vice President of the Philippines; John Lehman, former Secretary of the Navy; Douglas Kiker, national af-

fairs correspondent for "NBC Nightly News"; Yoshiki Hidaka, vice director of NHK Television Network in Japan; Ray Cline, former deputy director of the CIA; and Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II, my longtime friend and mentor.

A valuable lesson

One valuable lesson we learned this year relates to something Father said. To paraphrase, Father said he never worries about the success or failure of a project, but only about whether or not he gives his total sincerity and energy to it. With our movement being taken to a new level of pentecost and rebirth by True Parents and Heung Jin Nim, the need for our constant partnership with God was shown to us on a quite practical level at this Ninth World Media Conference.

For some reason, I wasn't as wary as I usually am when everything seems to be proceeding a little too

smoothly before our annual conference. I flew to Korea a few days before the conference feeling like we had it made. We had the best speakers and participants ever. Father and Mother would be there too. Every foreseeable detail was firmly nailed into place. We had it made.

I should have been suspicious.

Three days before the conference was to open, one congressman canceled because of incredible media attacks in his home state. The other two congressmen had to vote on key issues in Washington the very morning they were to speak at our conference in Korea. All this was revealed to me in a series of 2:00 am phone calls to my hotel room in Seoul. The entire panel for our afternoon Keynote Session, and a year of planning, vaporized in an instant as I sat in bed staring at the phone in shock.

When I awoke the next morning still reeling from the night before, I

nated as a result of his journalistic war against drug trafficking and organized crime.

After two days of enlightening and inspiring dialogue on moral issues and the media, a Farewell Banquet was held in the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, where the journalists were treated to a full performance by the Little Angels Dance Troupe. True Parents were seated in the center of an expansive, two-tiered head table. After the performance, the journalists at the head table had the delightful opportunity to go directly onto the stage, where they were given hugs and kisses by the Little Angels themselves.

At the conclusion of the conference, a special ceremony was held in which the Association for the Unity of Latin America (AULA) presented Father with the "Gran Cruz con Placa de Oro [a plaque of pure gold] in recog-

nition of his merits, accomplishments, devotion to the cause of fraternity of the nations, eminent service to international peace and to the betterment of humanity." Father is the first to be honored with membership in the Order of Liberty and Unity, a fraternity created by AULA to be "dedicated to the exaltation of the ideals of the liberator Simon Bolivar." The gold plaque on a wide blue ribbon was presented by the Hon. Francisco Morales Bermudez, former president of Peru; the Hon. Arturo Sucre, former president of Panama; and the Hon. Jose Maria Chaves, president of AULA and Grand Chancellor of the Order. In the future, this plaque shall be awarded to those former heads of state and prime ministers who have made an extraordinary contribution for the benefit of the world.

It was fitting that this prestigious

gathering of journalists be held in Korea this year, which is already becoming the focus of world attention from many perspectives as it gears up for the 1988 Olympics. The journalists were able to tour the Olympic facilities in Seoul on the final day and were given a briefing by the Olympic Committee.

At the close of the conference, the participants were invited to remain in Seoul for a two-day CAUSA seminar. About 70 of them attended this seminar, which was taught by Tom Ward and Bill Lay and featured a special tour of the Demilitarized Zone.

In the article above, WMA Executive Director Larry Moffitt gives his unique insights into how this year's conference unfolded. Following that, he shares his experiences at a place north of Seoul that is very special to all church members. □

—Laura Reinig

found a telex from Ambassador MacArthur stuck under my door. His wife of 53 years was seriously ill, and he had to rush back home from Japan where he had stopped on his way to Korea. Ambassador MacArthur's role at this conference was to have been quite special. He had prepared a beautiful introduction to Father's speech at the Opening Plenary Session.

I realized I had been less than conscientious in my prayer life lately and had been leading with my physical man, trying to succeed by my own efforts. Others on the staff may have felt the same way. Once again the point about the importance of connecting our external work with Father's spiritual foundation was driven home. The indemnity and sacrifices of True Parents and Heung Jin Nim have changed the spirit world from rudderless disorganization into an unbeatable ally, so eager to assist and more easily mobilized now than at any other time in the history of the world, but we had simply neglected to mobilize them. We had marched into battle without our troops! Suddenly, it was a very good time to pray.

We began praying

Instead of waiting for the night before the conference to begin our customary all-night prayer chain, the staff who had arrived early to finish preparations began praying for the

conference, specifically focusing the attention of the spirit world on the protection of True Parents, our speakers and participants, and all the key elements of the conference. We used prayer like a surgeon's scalpel to perform a "Satanectomy."

At midnight we launched our vigil of prayer and deep repentance. Just two hours later, the phone rang. One of the congressmen called to say he would come after all if he could arrive only the night before the Opening Plenary Session and if he could speak then instead of at the afternoon session and if we could get him a fast car and a police escort to the airport so he could catch a plane back to Washington immediately after speaking. He also said he would convince the other congressman to do the same.

Without the slightest idea how we could rearrange the schedule at such a late date, and without even knowing if there would be any planes flying out of Seoul non-stop to Washington at that hour, I said: "No problem." I thanked him profusely, hung up the phone, and cried.

Because of the International Date-line it is possible to speak in Korea on a Monday morning, catch a plane from Seoul at 11:00 am, and land in Washington DC at 10:50 am that same Monday morning, ten minutes before you left. But it would be a grueling trip for those congressmen to make. It would mean flying 16

hours to Korea, getting a couple of hours of sleep, delivering their speeches, and making a mad dash for the airport and another 16-hour flight home. U.S. legislators are limited by law as to the amount of money they can make each year giving speeches. It isn't very much at all, so the fact that they would go to this much trouble to appear at our conference is an indication of the great commitment they have for the work Father is doing to encourage serious discussion of professional and personal ethical values by members of the media.

We altered the schedule, and the congressmen ended up speaking in the morning—alongside Father. As each one spoke, he expressed his sincere gratitude at being invited to address the conference. Their words were very uplifting as they exhorted the participants to remember their responsibility to society and to pursue the cause of freedom for the sake of God and the world.

Alive with electricity

Father was deeply inspired by the dedication of these exceptional elected officials. They really helped prepare the mood, each speaker being lifted to new heights by the one before him, so that when the time came for Father to deliver his Founder's Address, the atmosphere was alive with electricity. The participants rose as one body and, for the first time in the history of the conference, welcomed Father with a standing ovation. I had to remind myself that these were members of the worldwide *media*—not religious leaders—who were greeting Father in such a manner. In both content and spirit, the session turned out to be far better than the way we ourselves had originally designed it.

I asked one of the leading members of our Board of Chairmen to introduce Father with the same eloquent words of praise written so lovingly by Ambassador MacArthur. This was the first time in our relationship that I had asked this person to be so directly involved with Father, and he arrived at the hotel late, so I couldn't ask him until just a few hours before the opening of the conference. By this time, however, I knew with confidence that heaven was marching with us every step of the way and that he would say yes. He didn't hesitate for even a second. "I would be honored



Former First Lady of Egypt, Mrs. Jehan Sadat, is given a hug and a kiss from one of the Little Angels.



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The Hon. José María Chavez, president of AULA, lovingly presents Father with a gold plaque from the Order of Liberty and Unity, in recognition of Father's dedication to the cause of world peace.

to introduce Rev. Moon," he said.

Another inspiring moment came during the Keynote Session that afternoon as Bruce Herschensohn, the chairman of that session, was introducing the topics to be discussed. Herschensohn is the chief commentator for KABC-TV in Los Angeles and was a top aide and speechwriter for President Nixon. Before beginning the session, he reminded the participants of his involvement in the Nixon White House and added, "The days of Watergate were dark times, with every day bringing



Mr. Bruce Herschensohn of KABC-TV in Los Angeles.

increasingly worse news. All the people we thought of as friends were scrambling to put distance between themselves and the President, like rats leaving a sinking ship."

He continued, "Only one person came forward and publicly offered to help. That was Rev. Moon. As everyone in Washington was deserting us, only Rev. Moon spoke up for the President, and he was criticized by everyone for doing so."

"How a person conducts himself when things are at their worst shows the true measure of that person's character. I will be eternally and deeply grateful to Rev. Moon for what he did. I have been waiting 14 years to be able to say this to Rev. Moon." The participants responded with prolonged, enthusiastic applause. Father was greatly comforted by these words, and every church member who endured persecution from working on the "Forgive, Love, and Unite" campaign to support President Nixon can likewise take consolation that their efforts were indeed appreciated.

Unchanging connection

In addition, the government-controlled Korean media gave the conference and Father tremendous coverage on all the nightly newscasts

and in all the newspapers each morning. Mrs. Sadat and Mrs. Laurel seemed to have a special attraction for the press, and they were gracious enough to give many interviews, sacrificing most of their free time.

Maybe the initial difficulties were God's plan all along, or maybe He simply used the circumstances. Either way, it was an opportunity for us to relearn a precious lesson. When we unite with the spirit world under the leadership of Heung Jin Nim and use the tools God has suffered so many thousand of years to provide us with, success is inevitable. Even more than the specific events of the World Media Conference, this point needs to be remembered.

In the end, what will save the world is our absolute dedication, absolute sincerity, and absolute purity. Such qualities are the only things that can cut through the veneer of glittering pretense the fallen world has substituted for reality to conceal its shallowness from itself. An unchanging connection with God, True Parents, and Heung Jin Nim will not only shorten the restoration providence; it is essential for the success of our missions and our personal courses of rebirth. □

A VISIT TO THE "ORIGINAL HOUSE"

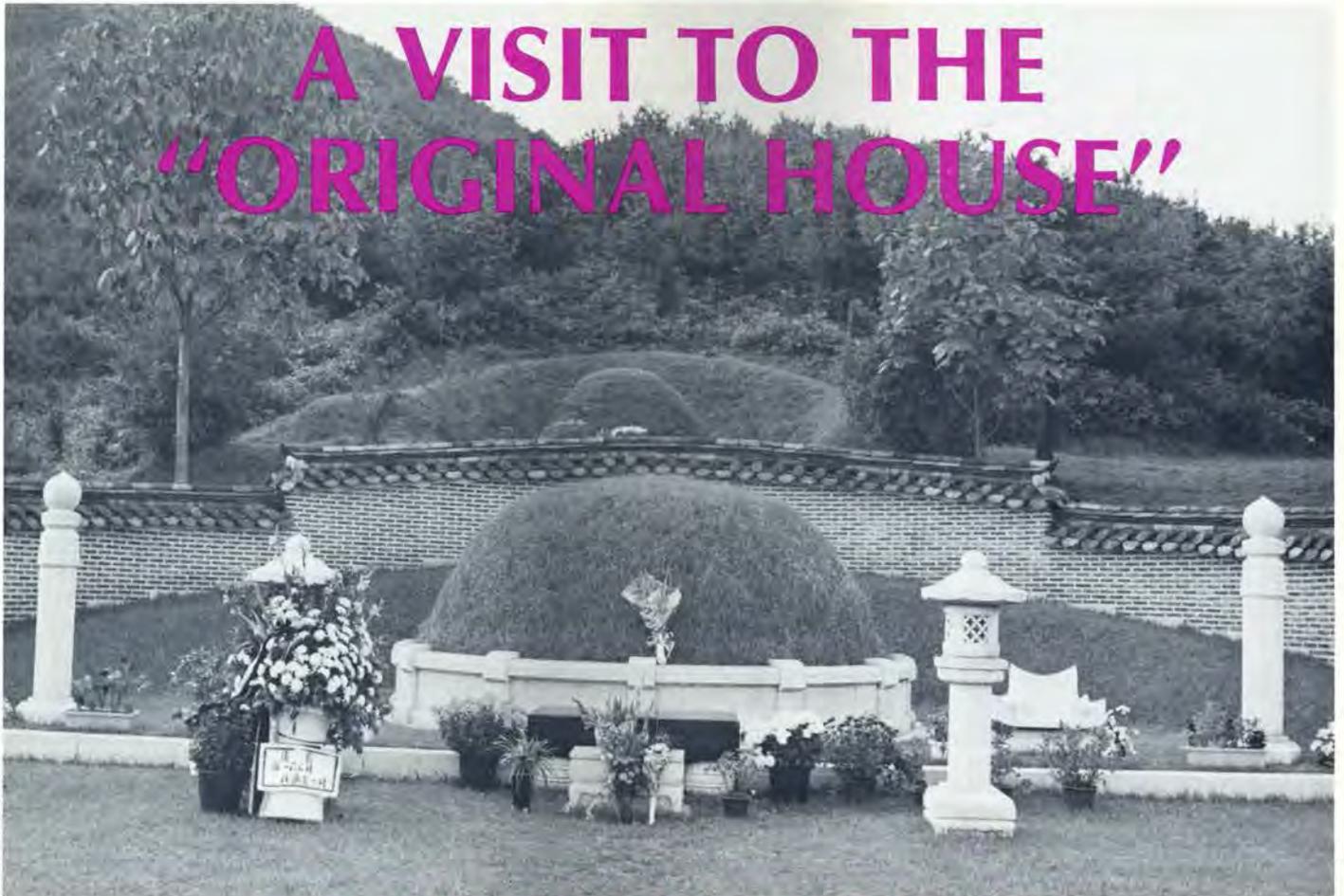


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GOING TO THE WON JUN

by Larry Moffitt

WHEN I HEARD THAT HEUNG JIN Nim had referred to his *Won Jun* ("Original House") as a "filling station," a place to gas up when your spiritual tanks are empty, the idea struck me as odd and maybe even slightly irreverent—until I had a chance to visit the site recently and experience what for me, and many others, is the most spiritual place on earth. The feeling is like that of standing in the gateway where the physical world and the spiritual world connect. And as Heung Jin Nim said, it is every bit the feeling of being filled up and recharged with a power greater than any you have ever experienced.

The staff of the World Media Association and CAUSA went by bus to the site, located in an area of small mountains and hills north of Seoul on the way to the DMZ. The Ninth World Media Conference and subsequent CAUSA seminar had just finished, with everyone feeling that both had been great successes.

On the way, we stopped at a farmhouse where one of our members and his family live. Their responsibility is to care for the *Won Jun* site and to receive visitors and assist them in the proper way of attendance. The bus stopped at the farmhouse, and their daughter, a bright-spirited girl about nine years old, hopped on the bus and rode the rest of the way with us. She was introduced by our Korean host, Mr. Noh, who said she visits Heung Jin Nim every day with her father. She led us from the bus and up the long marble steps to the Original House.

I burst into tears

Once there, we removed our shoes and stood on a grassy place in front of an area created in the style of the tombs of Korean royalty in ancient days. A tall, grass-covered mound contains Heung Jin Nim's body, which lies above ground. A short marble altar stands in front, surrounded by freshly cut flowers that

are replaced each day. Behind the mound is a stone-and-tile wall built into the hillside.

Representing the U.S., Japan, and Korea, representative prayers were offered by myself, Tomiko Duggan, and Mr. Noh. During Mr. Noh's prayer in Korean, I suddenly felt as if heaven had turned on a waterfall a thousand feet above me and a million gallons per second of spiritual energy were pouring over my head and into my body, surrounding my heart with a feeling that was at once loving and crushing. I burst into tears almost like a convulsion and began to repent deeply for my life and for not living the standard of purity and love set down by Father. For the rest of his prayer and during unison prayer, I cried with an ache that had nothing to do with physical pain and yet hurt more than anything I have ever felt.

In the end, I felt cleansed and more free than I have in a long time. I

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The Witnessing Way of Life

HEART OF SALVATION

Excerpts from a testimony on witnessing that Sheri Rueter gave to members at a CARP workshop in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on August 1, 1987.

I WOULD LIKE TO READ A POEM FROM Peter Bates, one of my spiritual sons. I feel it beautifully expresses something of what we all need to feel in order to successfully witness—a deep sense of eternal gratitude for being saved.

A long, long time ago
(another life almost, it seems)
you touched my eyes
and raised my face
to see a new beginning.
You prayed for me
and I was given life
and taught to pray.
You cried for me
and I learned to cry for others.
You sacrificed for me
and I learned the joy of sacrifice.
You committed yourself to me
and I became committed to True Parents and to you.
You loved me
and I finally began to understand love.
Sheri,
because you did these things for me,
I look to a wintry world
and feel the eager promise
of a warm and sunny breeze.
I look at Denise and
I know that soon our children will rule the world with love.
My heart will always weep
with gratefulness for life.

My life is very rich because I have received the Blessing from True Parents; I have a loving husband and two beautiful children, and feel I have more than any human being could ever conceive of having, because somebody witnessed to me. Somebody cared enough to take a few extra hours of his time to pray that I could respond to God's eternal truth.



Sheri with her spiritual son Peter Bates, who wrote the poem.

*Always your son,
In True Parents Family,
Peter*

Because of this, and because of my desire to in turn be an agent of salvation for others, to love and cry for them as I have been loved, I can never stop witnessing.

First of all, none of us brings success in witnessing primarily on the basis of our personal "magnetism" or spiritual merit. We witness on the foundation of the historical, provi-

dential work of our True Parents and Jesus. We are never alone. When we call out to Heavenly Father, True Parents, Heung Jin Nim, and Jesus, they are there to assist us. But in order to get their help, we have to bring our own heart to the level of desperation they feel in their hearts.

Once when I was the witnessing team captain in Oakland, California, I went for three anguishing weeks without bringing a single person to a lecture. I witnessed every day from seven am until five pm. If nobody came, I went out again until 10 pm, sometimes witnessing all night at the bus station. Putting in all that time with no one coming, I began to realize that my attitude had to change.

Finally, one day I was standing on a corner near Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco when suddenly my spiritual eyes opened. The faces of the young people looked old and scarred. I felt they were crying, and I could see how *much* they needed Heavenly Father. I repented right there, saying to God,

"I didn't understand what I was witnessing for. I'm sorry I wasted Your time the last three weeks, Father. I am not going home tonight—I'm not sleeping—until I can find someone who will listen to the Principle." That evening I brought five guests for the dinner program. All five people joined.

It isn't just the hours we spend on the street that matter, but the depth of our heart to love God's children. We have to treasure the chance to give life to others. You may wonder to yourself, "Should I go up to that person or not? Will he respond?" You may feel drawn to him, yet a little bit afraid. In that moment of doubt, try reflecting on the gift of life True Parents have given *you*. Think, "How can I *not* witness to this person? If I don't give him a chance, he might never know True Parents' love."

We have to become as desperate and as crazy as Father. Can you believe that a 16-year-old boy had the conviction and the willingness to sacrifice his entire life to save the world? Father thinks about his mission to restore mankind every single minute of every day. He eats it, he breathes it; he never stops. He went to jail in Danbury, and instead of feeling, "I can't believe this. I have to sit here for

where I would cry with Heavenly Father for His lost children. More and more desperation crept into my heart. Finally, I went out because I just *had* to witness. This is the point when you become successful in witnessing. Each person has his or her own course. Sometimes it takes a very painful experience to open your heart to feel God's desperation.

Witnessing can change your prayer and your entire life. You begin to experience what it's like to be a parent, learning to love, serve, and sacrifice for another human being. Two months after our first son was born, I told my husband David, "I don't think I ever loved anyone before. I can't remember at any other point in my life being so willing to get up three times in the middle of the night." Every aspect of a child's life is important to the parents, from where to put his potty to whether he should have carrots or squash for lunch. Now I realize that God cares that much about us! You and I are just as important to Heavenly Father. He is our parent and is concerned about every single detail of our life.

Q: How can I begin if I haven't had much experience witnessing?

Think, "How can I not witness to this person? If I don't give him a chance, he might never know True Parents' love."

months!" (which is what I would have felt) Father took up the challenge and reached out constantly to his fellow inmates with love; he taught them by his example. Father always moves forward.

Witnessing is our greatest opportunity to understand God's longing heart and to grow to inherit True Parents' unconditional love. If ever I felt my heart closing, I would go back out on the street and witness. The more you witness, the more people you can bring; and the more experiences in loving people you have, the more your heart becomes stretched.

In the beginning I went out to witness only because I knew I should. But eventually, I reached the point

You can start witnessing by making some basic condition. Don't make it so challenging that you can never fulfill it, but do make it something definite. I try to keep a simple condition at all times—at least once a day I talk to someone about the Principle. In my current mission, I don't have so much time to go out on the street and meet people. But I do drive into gas stations, stand in line at the bank, and take the kids shopping. Therefore, at least once a day I witness to somebody. According to your personal situation, make a determination; God can work through it.

Half the reason we don't bring results is because we don't believe we will. In fundraising, if you think,

"This is a bad area, I won't do well here," you won't. But if you think, "I'm going to do it, no matter what," you always will. It's the same thing in witnessing. Say to God, "I know the foundation I'm standing on, and I know Your chosen people are here or else I wouldn't be here. So I'm not going home without a spiritual child." If you have the courage to say that, you will ultimately find one.

One of the things I learned about prayer and the spirit world is that it's good to be specific. Pray for exactly what you want, and really want it. "Heavenly Father, I want to bring a righteous person who is going to make a commitment to True Parents and help save this nation." Sometimes we don't let ourselves want enough.

Once my son wanted a Mickey Mouse T-shirt like the other children at school. For three weeks all I heard was, "I want a Mickey. When's Mickey coming?" I thought I was going to go crazy, because I couldn't find one. Finally, my sister bought him a Mickey Mouse T-shirt. If I want a spiritual child, I should be asking God much more desperately than Jesse was asking me for a Mickey Mouse T-shirt. I should want it so badly that I would be pestering God all the time. Just pull on God's shirttails and say, "Give me a spiritual child! I want it, I want it, I want it!" Then you might be surprised. You will get it.

Q: I don't feel so confident. How can I gain the confidence I need to go out?

When you are out walking, God wants you to feel that you have Him on your arm, along with Jesus and Heung Jin Nim. Have the feeling you are going out with the "gang." It's not just you. Have the sense, "I can do it." Go out as if you and True Parents "own" the street.

Satan detests witnessing. He attacks you constantly while you are out there trying. A lot of times he makes you feel bad about yourself: "Boy, do you look stupid walking up to that person. What are you going to say if he asks you such and such?" If he's not telling you how dumb you look, he's telling you that no one is prepared: "That person won't make it. These people are no good. That one looks too intellectual, that one looks like he has too much money..." It's like a tape recording; all you have to do is switch it off. Tell Satan, "So

what? Who *doesn't* need salvation?! I am still going to talk to this person. I'm still going to do what God wants me to do." You have to get to the point where Satan is frustrated with you and leaves you. Pray and make a determination and follow your intuition. Let the good spirit world guide you.

You will build momentum over a period of time. Start by being there for God and True Parents, and then little by little the spirit world will trust you and work with you more. If they know you are as desperate as they are, they will help you become more spiritually perceptive.

People respond because in their original mind they are longing for God's love. You have to give your heart freely. That's the way Heavenly Father uses you. Because there is so little love in the world, love always looks crazy. No one wants to admit it, but people are really touched by that craziness. I remember thinking the night I was witnessed to by my spiritual father, Jeremiah Schnee, "Why is this person staying up until four in

the morning trying to convince me to come to a workshop? Why is it so important to him?" But the fact that it *was* that important to him stayed with me. I felt so called by his sincere heart and his desperation that I had to check it out.

wants. They really need you, not just for the mystical *idea* of salvation, but for the *reality* of salvation—for the actual, concrete love and guidance that each one of us has experienced. Think about how you've changed since the day you were witnessed to.

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All the people out there are pretending they have it together, but in their hearts, they know they don't. Everybody feels torn and divided inside somewhere. Honestly, there is almost no one to whom you are going to witness who hasn't been heart-broken and who isn't lonely for God's love. They might not be able to put a name on it, but that's what everyone

Don't worry about being "cool!"

Q: What do you focus on when you go out to witness?

There's a voice that speaks to you when you are out witnessing. It usually tells you to do something you don't want to do. In my case it often involves physical activity—running, jumping. When the voice tells you a chosen person is around, listen to it. Sometimes I would be witnessing to somebody and all of a sudden the voice would tell me that the chosen person was walking down the other side of the street. I would just say, "Sorry, gotta run," and actually run away from him because the chosen person was across the street. If you are really willing, the spirit world will guide you to exactly where you should go.

One of my most incredible experiences happened several years ago when we were driving to the bus station in San Francisco. As we approached the station I noticed a girl in the distance. Everything in my logical mind said, "Forget it. You'll never catch her." But another part of me said, "Go for it." I hopped out of the car and ran down the street after the girl. She saw me and not only started running away from me but shouted, "Get out of here!" I was totally out of breath by the time she vanished inside the station. As I stood there breathing hard—and feeling remarkably stupid—a person walked up to me and said, "Do you know where I can get the bus to Clear Lake? I'm trying to find a spiritual community." I was shocked. I said, "Actually, I live in one a few blocks away." This per-



Sheri with five of her spiritual sons. Clockwise from top left: Peter Bates, Sheri, John Howard, Tim Henry, Ian Haycroft, and David Burroughs.

son joined. Heavenly Father knew I wouldn't be at the bus station in time to meet him if I didn't run, so He told me, "Run."

Cultivate an area. At Fisherman's Wharf, I always walked around and around a particular four-block area. Somehow, the spirit world knew I was there. If they wanted to send someone, they knew I was going to try hard to meet them.

Don't assume that people are negatively influenced by bad reports in the media. One time there was a terrible article on the front page of the local newspaper. Depressed, I was just reading it when a young man walked up to me and said, "Do you know where I can get Rev. Moon's address?" I thought he was joking. He elaborated, "I read an article about him in a magazine that gave his birthdate. I did his astrological chart and found out he really is a holy man, so I want to find him." I said, "Yes, I know exactly where he lives."

Q: What kinds of things do you say to people?

I say something different to everybody. I try to feel that each person is

the most precious chosen person. Internally I ask, "Father, speak through me! Please let him come!"

One time I tried to talk a young man into going up to camp. I knew he was really prepared. He said, "Well, I already have plans for this weekend; I'll come by on my way back through here." I knew he wouldn't. Finally, I went up to the prayer room and just cried, "Father, please make this person come no matter what!" Then I came downstairs to where he was, looked him in the face, and said, "You are so arrogant. You are so selfish. Here God is trying to give you something. You might actually learn how to love somebody in a true way. Instead you are just going to go around

It's important to make practical choices that will allow you to witness. Whenever you have to wait for others or for some event to begin, go outside. There's always a chance someone will be walking by. One place for sure you're never going to find a spiritual child is in your living room! When I first joined the church, I had a car because I was working as a public health nurse. For three weeks I made a condition to take the train instead of driving and talk to at least three people on the train going and coming. It was because of that condition that I could witness to the man who later became my husband. Making extra effort and going over your own concepts will nearly always bear fruit.

If we can remember the truth with excitement about who we are and where we are in providential history, we will always feel like witnessing.

traveling and doing your own thing. You have no sense of responsibility." (I had never met this person before!) Finally he replied, "All right, here's the workshop fee. Where's the bus?"

That's the only time I ever did that. I would not recommend it as a technique. But I said it because I really prayed, and I felt that that was what the person needed; the spirit world just used me to give it to him. The key point is your sincerity. People can feel your sincerity and your desperation through your words. You don't have to feel afraid to look desperate, because Heavenly Father is desperate.

Q: Do you recommend working with a partner?

Working with a partner can be very effective. For example, you can help inspire each other. Your own individual determination and heart are vital, but the bond of unity you can make with your partner creates a strong foundation that God can work through to bring someone to you.

Q: I have a full-time mission and am not assigned to witness per se. How can I find spiritual children?

Q: Your experience seems to be primarily street witnessing. How can it apply to home church?

Honestly, to me they are the same. They require the same exact quality of heart—the "heart of salvation." Externally the process is different, but if you pledge to God and True Parents that the people in your home church area belong to them, then miracles can happen. In 1982 I did home church work in a small center with four other members. Based, I believe, on the incredible intensity of one sister's tearful prayer and desperation, the principal of the high school in our area was led to join our church. At the time it felt like a miracle, but it was her desperation and sincerity that brought this victory.

Q: How do you encourage your spiritual children to join?

Let your life be your testimony to True Parents. I feel Heung Jin Nim is crying out to us, "Witness with your heart." I like to share with people my own life experience with True Parents, about how coming to the church has changed my life. Sharing about



A popular witnessing spot in downtown San Francisco. Kitty Wojick is seated front, talking to a guest.

Father as a great man and all the great things he has done can be very inspiring to people, but it's even more powerful for somebody to see that *you've* changed because of True Parents.

I always try to introduce the people I meet to as many brothers and sisters as possible. Then each person can be cared for by everyone in the center or at least by several other members. Your guest might be able to relate to another member who shares similar interests, a common background, or some specific experience. God works through such a bond. It also helps to have a lot of people praying for each guest. You can draw up a prayer list and pray for each other's spiritual children; such support benefits both you and your guest.

Q: Where do you find the motivation to witness on a day-to-day basis?

A healthy spiritual life with nourishing vertical and horizontal relationships is a vital element in witnessing. When I was in Oakland, we constantly studied the Principle. Even if we didn't have a guest, we often went to the weekend workshop to hear the Principle ourselves, to receive love vertically and to practice sharing it with others. When we are not receiving God's love, we tend to seek for fallen love rather than looking to give life to others. The key point in making close, pure, and warm relationships with brothers and sisters is to maintain a strong vertical relationship with Heavenly Father, True Parents, and your central figure. Then we don't reach out to each other out of loneliness; we reach out to each other out of a principled desire to make good horizontal relationships. In Oakland, we always used to have meetings as a trinity—three or four or five of us would gather and share the things we were gaining spiritually in the deepest part of our heart. We learned to love each other in that way.

Heung Jin Nim is helping us to realize that we really need to learn how to love brothers and sisters. We can't pretend to love the world if we can't love the person in the room next to ours or working alongside us. And caring for our spiritual children doesn't stop when they join. If we go out and show a nice face to the people we witness to but don't have the

heart to develop a deep, lasting relationship with them, then the spirit world can't work, and we can't really move people.

Heung Jin Nim has been saying over and over again, "Study the Principle!" I think we sell the Principle a bit short. Oftentimes we say, "Well, I know the Principle but I still have all these problems." Actually, we can never hear the Principle enough. Father himself is still discovering the Principle and sharing new parts of it with us. God gave it to us—we have to use it! Study the Principle of Creation together. Even lecture to each

page of the Principle to another person. Study while you're waiting for someone.

You have to be intimately involved with Father's words and teachings if you want to learn how to think like True Parents think. When you love a person deeply, you almost know what they want before they ask you for it. That's what it is to know someone's heart. Studying the Principle is essential in order to become that close to True Parents.

What keeps us from witnessing is that we forget the truth. If we can remember the truth with excitement



At the Hearst St. house in Oakland, California, Sheri wins a prize for being #1 witnesser of 1978.

other. I believe that everybody's problems can be solved with the Principle. As a central figure, I can't tell you how gratifying it is to walk into my center and find three people, of their own volition, sitting in a corner doing lecture practice! Anyone can initiate this—studying not because our central figure said so, but because the Principle is our life.

Father said we need to read the Principle book 70 times! It's hard for me to read; it's easier for me to study. You can creatively set up ways to study. For example, you can hold a workshop for all the mothers and have the husbands watch the children. Then have a husbands' workshop while all the mothers watch the children. If you are on a witnessing team, why don't you make a condition to witness to three people and then meet your partner to study and discuss some point in the Principle? Before you go to bed, lecture one

about who we are and where we are in providential history, we will always feel like witnessing. It's our separation from the truth of the Principle that makes us feel less than enthusiastic about doing it.

My prayer becomes deep only when the Principle is alive in my heart. When we are not studying the Principle, we easily forget what salvation means. As a Blessed Family counselor I've talked to a lot of people who believe in what I call "hypothetical salvation." Just saying, "I am blessed," can be meaningless if you don't deeply understand what the Blessing means. And honestly, we can't understand it unless we study and pray.

Prayer needs to become a part of our living reality, like breathing, especially when we are witnessing, because while witnessing we are actively concerned with salvation. We need to constantly reinforce the parent/child relationship we have



with Heavenly Father and True Parents, and lean on that relationship, in order to get the power to witness. That relationship becomes very strong only through a lot of give and take in prayer. Prayer guides you to know what to say to each person.

Q: I want to witness, but many members have left the church. How can you trust anyone will stay? How can you let yourself be vulnerable again and again?

My heart has been broken many times in the process of witnessing. My last spiritual child who left the family was someone in whom I had invested my whole heart. When he left I was so hurt that I couldn't pray for him for a full year. Rev. Won Pil Kim shared some profound words that enabled me to sincerely embrace and pray for that person. He said, "I am always honored for being the first Unification member, but I don't deserve the honor." Tears were in his eyes as he went on, "Actually more than 100 people joined before me. Some of them even saved Father's life. Many of them are resting now [not active in the church], but I pray that someday you can thank them

and honor them instead of me." I was deeply moved because I realized he had no malice towards anyone who had left. Instead, his heart was pure, and he was simply grateful for what they had done.

If we want to be successful witnesses, we have to have gratitude for everyone who works for the sake of God's providence, no matter how much or how little he gives. Nothing we invest in a person is ever wasted. Father says, "Make sure the door becomes wider because you joined. Never be caught in the situation where the road becomes more narrow for someone because of you."

Q: How do you continue to feel "fresh" spiritually after so many years in our movement? How do you find the power to keep going?

Our life depends on the reference point we choose. I have a memory of the first time I really felt Father and Mother were my own father and mother. At that point in my spiritual life, something changed. My feeling for them has become deeper as I study the lives of True Parents and use them always as my reference point. That is, I ask myself in each situation,

What did Father and Mother do or what *would* they do in such circumstances? If you start to feel some resentment, immediately ask yourself, "Is there some point in Father's life when this happened to him? What did he do?" Father explained at the beginning of the Children's Course in 1981 that this is now our chance to have the same experiences True Parents had, so we can become like True Parents ourselves.

When I see myself responding in an off-centered way, I repent because I actually do want to be like True Parents. Especially now that I have blessed children, I feel even more the necessity to be an example of the heart and tradition True Parents have given us. If we can start to use Father and Mother as our reference point, we can become closer and closer to them. What is more natural than for children to aspire to be like the parents they admire? □

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—from the AAI Statement of Purpose

A LONG-AWAITED DREAM

The First International Conference on the Arts

August 20-23, 1987
Paris, France
by Brian Saunders



Violin virtuoso Mr. Aaron Rosand, who visited Father in Danbury, performs at the Gala Banquet, accompanied by pianist Howard Aibel.



The staff of the International Conference on the Arts.

ART IS INHERENTLY PASSIONATE, informative, and provocative. From prehistoric times to the present, art has been a vehicle for the expression of men's passions, from his sacred ideas to his greatest apprehensions and fears."

These were the words of Dr. Bo Hi Pak as he delivered his opening address at the first annual International Conference on the Arts, sponsored by Artists Association International. Held in Paris, France, from August 20-23, sixty participants from around the world offered their ideas and opinions in an emotionally and intellectually charged exchange on the theme: "The Moral Dilemma in the Arts."

Artists as co-creators

It is Father's firm conviction that artists, through their creative endeavors, have a great potential to change the world. To help liberate this potential, he founded the Artists Association International (AAI) in

January 1986 as an international forum for those artists and organizations that desire to advance the highest ideals in art. As a project of AAI, the International Conference on the Arts (ICA) will convene annually, gathering together world-renowned representatives from the fields of music, dance, theater, literature, the fine arts, and the visual arts. Participants at these conferences meet to explore the artist's role in enhancing communication and understanding among all peoples—utilizing the tremendous ethical and moral power of the arts to transcend the barriers of race, language, culture, and religion.

At the Opening Plenary Session, Mr. Charles de Chambrun, a representative from the French Parliament, welcomed the participants to Paris, the "City of Lights." The Opening Plenary Address was delivered by Dr. Bo Hi Pak, president of AAI, who had just flown in from New York overnight. In his speech Dr. Pak explained the purpose of the conference:

It is my belief that God's plan for mankind and creation has always been to establish an ideal of love, and that artists, as co-creators, have a unique opportunity and a responsibility to convey this ideal in their art. It is the sincere hope of the founder that Artists Association International and the International Conference on the Arts are ideas whose time has come. ICA is your vehicle, your instrument, that is created today to fulfill and actualize your hopes and your dreams, as a great artist, for the sake of humanity.

Three of the many dignitaries at this conference served as honorary co-chairmen. Tsing-fang Chen, a highly respected painter and iconographer from Taiwan with a doctorate from the Sorbonne in Paris, was spokesman for the fine arts; Ivan Nagy, former premiere dancer with the American Ballet Theater and currently the artistic director of the Cincinnati-New Orleans Ballet, was the representative for dance; and Aaron Rosand, world-renowned concert violinist and head of the Violin Department at the Curtis Institute of Music, represented the field of music. Dr. Chen asked if, indeed, "the dawn of a new renaissance on a global scale" were coming, and if so, what is the responsibility of artists toward



Dr. Bo Hi Pak with the three honorary co-chairmen of the conference. Left to right: Mr. Ivan Nagy, Dr. Pak, Mr. Aaron Rosand, and Mr. Tsing-fang Chen.

the possible emergence of an "age of love." He further asserted that in this computerized age, what was needed was not more computer hardware or software, but "soulware."

"A crisis of culture"

Ivan Nagy, in a very personal appeal to artists and the artistic community, emphasized three of the moral dilemmas presently facing the dance world: 1) Is dance today still an art form or really a sophisticated form of gymnastics (displaying technique at the expense of emotional content)?

"Once an artist or composer understands that music has moral and ethical power, he should use that power with the severest sense of moral responsibility."

- 2) Should modern dance and classical ballet be kept separate, or can we move towards a new kind of classicism that brings movement to a higher level using the best of both forms?
- 3) What will it take for dance to sur-

vive in the United States with government support disappearing and production costs of dance increasing?

Among other distinguished speakers at the conference were Melvin J. Lasky, editor of *Encounter* magazine; Jean Leduc, French film director and recipient of highest honors from the Cinematographic Institute; Bertrand Tavernier, French film director who was nominated for an Academy Award for the film "Round Midnight"; and Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor in chief of *The Washington Times* and *Insight* magazine.

Author Richard Quebedeaux, a professor at the Unification Theological Seminary, stressed the artist's obligation to society "to point us in a direction that is more positive, toward a better world." He stated, "I think there is one absolute value in the world today, and that absolute value is goodness. It is strongly related to truth and beauty, which are the very prerogatives of the artist and the writer. What is goodness? Goodness is the practice of love." He further pointed out that the practice of love is nothing other than the practice of service and sacrifice.

By and large, the conference participants did recognize the necessity for artists to offer inspiration that could contribute toward the betterment of society. However, as to whether or not an artist has an *obligation* to soci-

The First International Conference on the Arts

REFLECTIONS

by Christopher Davies

On the night of the Gala Banquet and Entertainment we were treated to performances that drew tears and wild applause from the audience. Father said that in future Arts Conferences, such performances will be held every evening, and these evenings will be so prestigious that the greatest artists in the world will beg to be able to perform for free.

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At the Closing Plenary Session on the final morning, Richard Quebedeaux gave a most eloquent and moving testimony to Father and our members. He said:

If you want to know what Rev. Moon is like, look at the people who have been serving you for the last three days... If you asked them what you should do with the inspiration you have received from this conference, they might be rather reticent, suggesting you just try and do what you are doing better... People sometimes wonder why they do this, what's the catch. There is no catch. If you asked Rev. Moon what to do, he would be more explicit: "Love God more, and if you can't believe in God, at least serve and love other

people"...You may think it's difficult to be an artist; from my observation it's much more difficult to be a Moonie.

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For me the most moving experience of the Gala Banquet was when Caroline Betancourt, vice president of AAI, introduced Dr. Bo Hi Pak. As she spoke of Dr. Pak with such a pure and loyal heart, she gave us a real lesson in truly fulfilling the role of John the Baptist. We may see many problems in our church and sometimes get frustrated, but in their relationship I could feel the fresh spirit of harmony that True Parents want to bequeath to us.

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Brian Saunders made one of the most pertinent statements of the whole conference: "For me, the moral dilemma in the arts comes from the moral dilemma in the artist. What is important to me as an artist is how I live my everyday life."

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It was quite obvious from the remarks of the speakers at the Closing Plenary Session, the spirit of them even more than the content, that

everyone had found the conference a very fulfilling experience. Members who had attended other conferences were surprised that no one was "negative," surprised at the heartfelt positive statements the participants made about "us," and surprised at the interest some of them showed in the inner motivation of our work.

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Ultimately the success of the conference was not so much in the organization, although everybody did praise that. The success was also not due to the intellectual content of the discussions. It was not in anything external, but in the spirit. The winning factor was in Father's training us to always support each other in the one essential common cause—building a world of goodness. Somehow the conditions were created here for God's love to embrace everyone, and when that happens, success is guaranteed. As Kevin Pickard said, "It was the best and most successful workshop I ever attended." And it was only our first! □

Taken from the European Artists Association Newsletter, September 1987.

ety was an issue that generated many differing opinions. David Eaton, conductor of the New York City Symphony, in the session entitled "Social Change: What Is the Artist's Obligation?" quoted the 20th-century German composer Paul Hindemith, "...once an artist or composer understands that music has moral and ethical power, he should use that power with the severest sense of moral responsibility." Michael Gibson, art critic for the Paris-based *International Herald Tribune*, added, "The underlying assumption that has led to this meeting appears to be that there is a crisis on. I'm inclined to agree. It is neither a crisis of idealism, however, nor is it a crisis of the arts. It is a crisis of culture in general. In other words, a crisis of meaning and purpose, which is naturally, if incidentally, reflected in the arts."

Deeply touched

The climax of the conference was the Gala Banquet and Entertainment on Saturday night. Father mentioned on a number of occasions that the entertainment banquets at these conferences will soon become a world-famous tradition. Such was the "feeling in the air" on this night. After a sumptuous meal, Mrs. Caroline Betancourt, hostess for the conference, announced the inception of the Young Artists Program, a new project of AAI, conceived from the desire to help promote aspiring young artists worldwide. The Young Artists Program is in two parts: the Young Artists Scholarship Award, which offers a cash award for the education of promising students, and the Young Artists Debut Award, which provides a performance opportunity for aspiring artists.

The entertainment for the evening encompassed a wide spectrum of international music from many centuries. Lorin Hollander, with great breadth and dignity, performed keyboard selections from Johann Sebastian Bach; Somei Ohtsuki held the audience in a zen-like trance with koto music from Japan; virtuoso pianist Earl Wild aroused the audience with the piano music of Maurice Ravel; and Aaron Rosand, with Howard Aibel as his accompanist, dazzled the audience with Romantic virtuosity and bravura. The conference participants were deeply moved, some to the point of tears.

On the next and last day, many of the artists commented both in personal conversations and from the podium that they had been touched more deeply here than at any other confer-

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TESTIMONY OF A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

How many of us wish deep inside our hearts that our own father and mother could one day join the eternal family of True Parents? The following two articles based on interviews with Victoria Clevenger tell the story of how the mother of a member became so moved by the changes she saw in her daughter that she visited the church center to see what it was all about—and decided to dedicate her life as well.

RECEIVING NEW LIFE THROUGH MY DAUGHTER

by Mrs. Betty Morey

I GREW UP AS A PRESBYTERIAN IN Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Actually, my parents were lukewarm about their faith; I was the one who went to church. I found a peace there and a happiness that I didn't find at home or at school.

I became serious about God and developed a relationship with Jesus that was very close; I prayed to him with my deepest thoughts. I remember going to Presbyterian conferences in the summer at Wooster College. In the mornings we would go out on the beautiful campus and each find our own prayer spot; then for 15 or 20 minutes we would pray. This had deep meaning for me. I feel that my relationship with Jesus was a foundation for me to later join the Unification Church.



Gail and Betty perform a duet for a music program at a Catholic church in Kinshasa, Zaire.

Betty with the "mamas" in Zaire.



At one point I felt I was being pushed toward being a missionary, but then I got involved in music and eventually went to Baldwin Wallace Conservatory. I majored in violin and minored in voice. Then I got married and had two children.

My daughter was the rebel

My husband and I raised our children in the Presbyterian faith, and we were all church goers. I'm grateful that my kids had that kind of upbringing. I felt that my son would have been the more likely of my kids to join a group like the Unification Church because he was always deeply moved at our church conferences and other events. My daughter Gail was the rebel. She kept asking the ministers questions they couldn't answer. She finally gave up on them. By high school, she was off on her own thing.

She had a set of friends that I wasn't too happy about and did some things I wasn't happy about either. Finally, she got involved with some people into the Ayn Rand philosophy. There are some good things about it, but I feel the people are very cold, without much heart. Many times after some interaction with my daughter I would go into my bedroom and just cry. I felt a cold wind blowing from Gail. We just couldn't really talk, and our relationship suffered.

Then she went off to college. She was majoring in flute at Ohio State University in Columbus in 1973 when I began getting letters from her telling me she was getting up at five in the morning, riding her bicycle over to a church center, and praying with the people there. "Oh boy," I thought. "What is happening?" When she came for a weekend, I noticed a big difference in her. We were able to talk, and she would listen! I felt positive before I even knew anything about the church. Later she wrote home and said she had quit college and was working full-time with this church. I thought I had better go right down there and find out what this was all about!

I went to the center in Columbus, and I couldn't find anything wrong with the church at all. In fact, I thought it was something I should also challenge myself with. The church had a very broad and all-encompassing philosophy that I knew would affect the whole world, to say nothing of my daughter's life and my own life.

Actually, I was sold before I even heard the Principle because I saw it had such a positive effect on Gail. I had been worried that if she didn't change, we would never be close. My husband knew already that this movement was something I would embrace. He reminded me that I used to always say that the only way any progress could be made in the world was through the unity of a group of people who believed in God.

"Move into the center"

I didn't jump in right away. First I studied the Divine Principle book every morning. I had just finished nursing school and gotten an RN degree, but for some reason, I wasn't concerned about looking for a job, because I was studying this book

every morning. Every time I opened the book I felt a flood of good, clean, pure feelings. I know I had a lot of spiritual help.

It was in June or July that I first heard Principle lectures, and the following December I decided to be a full-time member. I was definitely hoping that my husband would also become excited by the Principle. He is a lawyer and an intellectual, so I would leave *Unification Thought* and copies of Father's speeches around for him to read—anything I thought he could unite with. He even went through a workshop, but he just couldn't accept the church at all.

When my family broke apart, I felt lost, so I asked God, "What do You

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want me to do now?" I got a clear direction: "Move into the center." So in February, I moved into the Columbus center where my daughter was. At first it was very difficult for me—and for the brothers and sisters because I was an unusual member. But Susan Finnegan (later Fefferman) put her arms around me and comforted me. I owe a lot to her and to Chris Olson, the center director, for the incredible patience and love they showed me.

Gradually my relationship with Gail got better and better. She is more of a heartistic person than I am, so I think in some ways it was easier for her to join. I am so grateful to her, of course for bringing me in, but also because if I had troubles, I would always know she was there. To me it felt wonderful to have the role of "parent" a bit reversed. I think every parent would like to be led by their children; they would want their children to be that great and that good. At least I feel that way.

My first real mission was at the blessed children's nursery at Jacob House, which was wonderful for me and I hope for the kids. I was moved

by the dedication of their mothers, who were working so hard for Heavenly Father's sake, and I felt a deep commitment to consider those children as my own. This mission was especially good for me because my heart was hurting when I went there. You hold babies and their love just comes right through their cells somehow. It was a beautiful experience. I became really close to the children I cared for, and we still maintain a relationship. It was hard work, but it certainly was worth it. I got a big return of love.

Taking care of the "mamas"

During that time, Gail became a missionary to Zimbabwe, and later to Zaire. She asked Rev. Kwak if I could come to Africa and join her. He said yes, so I joined her in Zaire. Later she was called to Kenya, and eventually I joined her there. When she went back to America to join her husband, I remained in Kenya. Altogether I stayed in Africa about five years.

In Zaire I was in charge of the "mamas' group," which was very inspiring for me. The mamas are the women who joined the church with young children. In Africa it is very unusual to find a young woman who doesn't have children. "Mama" is a term of respect; you don't fool around with someone who is a mama. I was known as Mama Betty. The mamas worked very hard. They were warm-hearted and quite spiritual, and they often had visions and revelations. I loved them very much. Every week we had a mama's meeting, and I gave internal guidance to the group. If anyone had a special situation, I'd make an appointment and we'd talk.

I came back to America briefly when Gail's first child Lucas was born, and when her daughter Rachel was born, I came back again and stayed. Rev. Kwak asked me to help in his office. After working there for a year, I began to work in the Performing Arts Department, where I am now.

I think Heavenly Father helped me learn about unconditional love when I was in Africa. One time in Nairobi, Kenya, a young member asked me to come with him to visit his uncles, who lived way out in the bush, and try to convince them to let him join the church full time. They didn't want him to be a full-time member

because they were hoping he would get a good job in Nairobi and help support them. It's very difficult for young people to be full-time members, because often their families are counting on them for support. So another member and I went with this brother to talk to the uncles. They received me well and were very polite, and I did the best I could in explaining to them that joining the church full time was the right thing for the boy to do. When I left, they seemed very positive, and I was glad I made the effort to go all the way out there.

But the next week the brother came back and told me, "After you left, my uncles became negative and said I couldn't join." I felt completely deflated. I wondered, "What did I go all the way out there for?" I began to feel so useless. I thought, "What am I doing here in Africa? I might as well go back to America if I can't bring people to True Parents here."

Unconditional love

Another frustrating situation involved a sister in the center who treated me unkindly. I decided to serve her with everything I had, but even though I gave her gifts and tried to pour out my heart, there was no improvement in our relationship. I often felt the members weren't responding to me when I tried to be in the position of a mama. When I left Kenya, I felt, "I failed in Africa. What did I really accomplish here? I wasn't able to give enough love."

However, surprisingly, when I got back to America, I received a very effusive letter from this sister, saying how much it meant to her to know me and how much she learned from me. I almost fell off my chair! It made me realize that unconditional love really has to be unconditional—you have to pour yourself out regardless of the lack of response or even the negative response you seem to be getting back. You have to just know that someday—maybe not till you get to the spirit world, but *someday*—something will happen. We shouldn't become resentful or frustrated when we don't get something back, because if we do, we can't continue to work effectively. I think that's what I learned in Africa. Actually, the problems are the same wherever you are. It's just that in a foreign country they

are more intense because you feel more alone.

Lately I'm beginning to make more relationships with other older women in the church. We've started a trinity of older women and we pray together every night. It's really been helpful, because in some ways, it's a little lonely for us—we see the young people getting blessed and having blessed children, and so many of Father's

My advice for members in their relationship with their parents is: Really show them how you've changed and become a more loving and understanding person.

speeches and church events are geared to that reality. In our little group we want to find ways of sharing more with each other and with other brothers and sisters. I've found that people have been coming to me as a kind of "mama," and I'm very happy about that.

In Nairobi, we started a parents' group for the parents of the brothers and sisters who were living in the center. I shared with them my own testimony and spoke to each parent

individually. I think it was very helpful for them. I would be very glad to be involved in such a group here in New York.

My advice for members in their relationship with their parents is: Really show them how you've changed and become a more loving and understanding person. That's what affected me first. The other thing is to write to your parents, pour out your heart, let them know what you are doing and why you are doing it. Over a period of time that could really make an impact. Many times there are things you can say in letters to your parents that would be very difficult to say face-to-face. Then each time you are able to be with them, you will find that you can be closer.

A spiritual milestone

Many of the highlights of my spiritual life have come through my singing. I feel the spirit world is closer to me than at any other time. Before I joined the Unification Church, I had an experience of deep repentance while singing. I had just sung the song "O Divine Redeemer" at a church, and I got quite involved in it emotionally. When I sat down, I really repented profoundly to Heavenly Father and asked for His forgiveness. And He came to me! It was just for a few seconds, but I'll never forget it, because it was a milestone in my spiritual life. Along with it came the feeling that He was saying, "Don't be so



Breakfast with the brothers and sisters at the center in Nairobi, Kenya.

impatient with yourself. You are growing." What amazed me was that His presence was so physical. Every part of my entire body felt happy, as if each cell were being embraced. I know that when once we repent deeply, whatever our problem is, Heavenly Father takes us right by the hand. Then the restoration is easy because He's right with you, showing you the way and helping you over the hard spots.

Actually, before I joined the church I sang for True Parents when they came to Cincinnati for a public-speaking tour. I was scheduled to sing on the evening of the third lecture, just before Father spoke. I was terribly nervous. When I got up to sing my heart was pounding, and I thought, "What's wrong with me? I'm a professional church singer!" I get excited when I sing, but not like that. So I started to sing, but I didn't feel I was doing my best vocally. However, toward the end of the song, I felt like I was talking to Handel, the composer of the piece. Linda Remmell, my accompanist, and I had had different opinions about the rhythm of the song. I thought it should be smoother and had explained to her why, so we decided to do it my way. As I was singing, Handel was telling me, "Yes, I see your point." Afterwards we all went to McDonald's. Dr. Bo Hi Pak introduced us to Father and said to everybody, "Did you all realize the spiritual quality of that song?" I felt sure that Father was aware of what had happened much more than I.

I've been quite a private person, but now I am trying to push myself



At Jacob House in 1980, Betty receives an award from Mrs. Mal Sook Lee as "Onni of the Year."

out of myself more. I find that it is more difficult for older people to adjust to the quick changes that often happen in our centers. I'll never forget one time in Ohio when Chris Olson, at 11 o'clock at night, suddenly announced that the sisters should sleep on the third floor instead of the second floor. A young person wouldn't be too bothered by that, but at 11 pm it was very hard for me to take all my belongings that I had so carefully arranged around my bed and set them up someplace else.

Stronger than ever

However, by no means do I regret having joined. My conviction is

stronger than ever that True Parents are the answer. I know it more every year. A lot of my relatives and friends still think I'm crazy and wonder why I am still in this "strange" movement. I just tell them, "I believe in this church now more than ever."

I would really like to see America turn around and recognize who True Parents are. I am very happy to do whatever I can do to promote that, for example, through singing in churches in my home church area, as I am doing now. I hope that through this, I can touch people's lives with God's love and really offer something substantial to Heavenly Father and True Parents. □

DEEP, MUTUAL RESPECT

by Gail Morey Paine

I JOINED THE UNIFICATION CHURCH BECAUSE I was seeking clear answers to many questions I had about God and the purpose of life. In high school I became dissatisfied with the doctrine of traditional Christianity; I searched through all sorts of philosophies and religions, reading books by people like Herman Hesse, Sartre, and Camus, gradually becoming increasingly arrogant, individualistic, and atheistic. The relationship

between my mother and me broke down, because I perceived her disdainfully as having what I called "blind faith"—believing in Christianity without any logical basis. Because my mother couldn't explain her reasons for believing as she did, I lost respect for whatever she said.

A new appreciation

When I finally joined the Unification Church in Columbus, Ohio, I felt my

mother would be overjoyed, because up until that time, I had shocked her by telling her I didn't believe in God, Jesus, or the Bible. As I came to understand the Principle, I gained much more respect for her. That she had been able to follow God's truth even without a rational explanation became an admirable quality in my eyes. I gained a new appreciation for her pure heart of love for God and Jesus and for her faithfulness.

I had been a “hippie” in college, always wearing overalls and army boots. The first time I came home after joining the church, I came in a dress, which wasn’t even mini-length, though that was the style then. The first thing my father said to me was, “Well, you must believe this guy’s the Messiah!” At that time, in 1973, there was no publicity about Rev. Moon, though my parents knew the group I joined had a founder. Shocked, I asked my dad why he said that. He replied, “Anyone who could cause you to change 180 degrees must be the Messiah!”

About two months later, my mother came to hear a weekend workshop, and at the end she said to me rather angrily, “Look what you’re getting me into—now I have to pray and study to see if it’s right!” She realized that this movement wasn’t just something good for me but that it might actually be something that she—and even the rest of the world—needed to take very seriously.

She took a Divine Principle book home with her and very diligently read the entire thing, checking every Bible quote carefully. She didn’t believe in Satan, so she decided to go talk to her minister about it. However, when she arrived at the church to speak to him, she was struck with some sort of ailment that prevented her from talking. As soon as she left, she was fine. Afterwards she called me and told me that she now believed in Satan! We talked often on the phone. Whenever I asked her if she could accept True Parents, she would reply that she had to study and pray more before making any decisions.

Torn between two “families”

Then, around Christmas time, True Father came to speak in Ohio, and my mother sang one evening before he spoke. While singing, she told me she had a spiritual experience. Afterwards, on Christmas Day, as a gift she gave me her filled-out Unification Church membership form, including the membership fee, rolled up and tied with a ribbon!

Though my father also heard some lectures and felt they and the group were beneficial, he couldn’t embrace the movement. As my mother became increasingly involved, long-standing difficulties in their relationship surfaced. Of course she felt torn

between her two “families.” My mother asked God what He wanted her to do, and when she received the answer—to move into the center—she faithfully did that, even though the break-up in our family was very painful to her. My brother also really appreciated the Principle, but just at that time he was offered his “dream” job and chose to take it rather than investigate the Principle more. Previously, I had been much closer to my father, while my brother was closer to my mother. Adjusting to all the changes was not easy for any of us.



The missionaries in Zaire. Left to right: Justin Fleishman, Annette Kangafotso, Kathy Novalis, Gail Morey Paine, and Betty Morey.

At first, when my mother moved into the center, our relationship was rather awkward, and we went through a lot of restoration. Now we have a very close, warm, and mutually supportive relationship. She’s a very hard worker and always did her best to participate in all the center activities. Caring for the children at Jacob House—being needed and being able to give love to the children—helped heal her own heart.

I went to Africa as a missionary, and I loved working with the people there so much that I wanted my mother to come as well. I knew she would appreciate their warmth and would be happy to respond to the very great need there. I did worry about her health, and I prayed to take on myself anything she might get. It was amazing, because she was never sick, but I suffered from malaria, amoebas, and worms. She spent 50 percent of her time nursing me! Her commitment to True Parents deepened considerably while she was

in Africa.

Natural humility

She was always so optimistic and bright—everyone was enriched by having someone of her age, experience, and warmth around them. She did an amazing job with the “mamas’ group” in Zaire [See *Today’s World*, Aug. ’82]. While she was there, the number of women participating grew from 5 to 150. Though I was at times her central figure, she has such a natural humility, and a deep respect for the order given by the Principle,

that there was never any difficulty in her responding to my direction. It was a good testimony to our church tradition. One day I was having a team leaders’ meeting while she was preparing to go out fundraising. As she headed out, loaded with product and with her gym shoes on, I called out to her, “Mother, please don’t push yourself too hard!” She indignantly responded, “What kind of central figure would tell someone *not* to work hard!?”

Now our relationship is one of deep, mutual respect and friendship. We both help each other along in our spiritual lives. My father and brother are positive toward the Unification Church, and of course, I hope they can come closer in the future, even though my father has re-married. It is indeed very special to be sharing with my own mother this precious experience of working with God and the Messiah for the sake of the whole world. □

THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL ICC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

by Laura Reinig

This article is based on an interview with Unification Church member Christian Kracher.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE inception of the ICC conferences to Japan and Korea for American clergy, a meeting of alumni was held in New York on a national level. From October 19-21, 1987, three ICC graduates from each U.S. region, along with all the regional coordinators and some of the regional leaders, met together at the World Mission Center for the purpose of forming a national alumni association and developing ideas on how to generate, in their own regions, the spirit of Christian love they experienced at the ICC.

Moderated by ICC Director Jim Stephens, the three-day ICC Alumni Association Planning Board Meeting proved to be an overwhelming success. The ministers had a chance to relive the spirit of cross-denominational brotherhood they had touched in Japan and Korea, renew connections with fellow alumni, and make a solid commitment to go back and inspire other ministers to sign up for the trip, which—many of them shared—has changed their lives.

The goal of ICC

In a spirit-filled talk on the first evening, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak spoke at length about God's broken heart over the divisions among Christians and the determination of Rev. Moon, amid bitter prejudice in his homeland, to establish The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. Rev. Kwak reiterated the goal of ICC: to inspire religious leaders of this nation to go beyond their denominational thinking and help bring the whole country back to God. This was what God and Jesus have been waiting for for a long, long

time. He talked about the many worldwide organizations Rev. Moon has founded in his ceaseless effort to further ecumenical understanding. He also said that Christian clergy need to realize they have not clearly understood their vital role in bringing about a God-centered America.

After this stirring speech, the min-

Jim Stephens said that the success of the ICC can only come when its supporters are sincerely focused on the specific goal of bringing America back to God.

isters testified to the wealth of inspiration the ICC has brought them. Some expressed that they found new life and new hope in the Principle. One minister said that the Principle should not be the exclusive property of the Unification Church but should be given to the whole world! Another minister humbly expressed his heartfelt regret that the Christian churches have not truly become one body of Christ or done what Christ would want them to do. "Now is the time to get things done," he said.

The following day, presentations were given describing projects that clergy can become involved with in their own areas, such as International Christians for Unity and Social Action (ICUSA) and CAUSA USA. Rev. Perry Cordill spoke about the Pastoral Research Association (PRA), which is geared to mainline ministers for the purpose of researching theological concepts as understood by the various denominations. Jim Stephens



One of the discussion groups at the ICC Alumni meeting.

PHOTO: CHRISTIAN KRACHER



PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

by Christian Kracher

IT WAS SUCH A RICH EXPERIENCE that it's difficult to describe. It was amazing to see black Pentecostal preachers, white mainline ministers, Hispanics, Orientals—everyone—coming together for one cause, to bring America back to God. Many felt the meeting was really led by the Holy Spirit, which helped bring everyone together as one.

Jim Stephens told them that Rev. Moon explained that it is providentially important to bring 7,000 ministers to the ICC. From a Unification point of view, he said, when we follow Rev. Moon's directions, we are doing what Jesus wants as well. There was some quite heated discussion about this. However, in the prayers they offered, many of the ministers expressed that the spirit they felt at the ICC was like a plea from heaven to go and do as Rev. Moon has done. I was

amazed to see how willing some of them were to stand up and support us, at great risk to their own reputations.

Many ministers at the meeting recalled their tearful prayers at the Rock of Tears. From my own experience working with the ICC, I remember one minister on his way to Korea who jokingly said, "I've heard all these stories about the Rock of Tears.

I had to really repent, because some of the ministers said, with deep conviction that challenged by own, "I pledge my time and my life to bring America back to God."

I never cry, and I'm certainly not going to cry up there. If I should cry one tear, then I would be seriously concerned about my own faith." So he went there, and as he saw people

with crutches making their way up to the Rock, he began thinking about the stroke he had several years ago, when half his body was paralyzed, and how God had healed him. He thought about how he grew up in the slums as a nobody and how he has a big church now and travels all over the world. He suddenly realized how much God was taking care of him, how much God was intimately involved in his life, and even now had led him to this rock in Korea. Then he felt his eyes filling up with tears. He said after that, he began to seriously examine his own concepts and his level of faith.

The ministers at this meeting understood they were committing themselves to a great cause. They had a strong determination to really do something in their own communities. No one felt this was just some organization run by someone else. They felt: "I am a real part of this. This is *my* organization." At certain points I had to really repent, because some of them said, with deep conviction that challenged my own, "I pledge my time and my life to bring America back to God." □

gave an update on the progress of the ICC itself. He reiterated that the success of the ICC can only come when its supporters are sincerely focused on the specific goal of bringing America back to God. In seeing the dedicated commitment of so many ICC alumni to this cause, he said, "I believe a victory has already been won."

The ministers then formed small discussion groups. In one session, Rev. Sung San Lee spoke about the New England region's successful ICUSA activities. "People may feel negative toward a particular church," he said, "but nobody can accuse you for feeding the hungry or clothing people in need." Their recent ICUSA Awards Banquet, he said, was attended by 500 people, and each person



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A chat after dinner. Left to right: Dr. N.J. Simon, Pres. Mose Durst, Rev. Nicholas Buscovich, and Rev. Don Olson.

who got an award for their dedicated volunteer service also received a thank-you letter from President Reagan. Rev. Lee encouraged the ministers to start to work with ICUSA in their own areas.

Keeping the spirit alive

Rev. Don Olson, director of alumni activities, led a group in what he called "brainstorming"—coming up with unique ways in which alumni can keep the ICC spirit alive and create a real impact in their communities. Many in this group expressed a strong desire to preserve the unity that they experienced at the ICC.

One pastor urged everyone to keep connected with the other pastors by writing letters, and to strive to be an example to their own congregations of the standard of love and compassion they learned in Japan and Korea.

Dr. Jackie Roberts of Chicago shared how he helped inspire 70 ministers in his area to stage a formal protest in the offices of the *Chicago Tribune*, whose editor had published a scandalous article about the Unification Church and had refused to meet with them. The ministers did not want to let the article go uncontested. In the end they were actually put in jail for trespassing.

Father Frank Maloney, a Catholic priest from Ohio, described his ways of dealing with negative media. When a particularly bad editorial about Rev. Moon appeared in the *Dayton Daily News*, he called the editor. The man staunchly defended his opinion of the Unification Church, but Father Maloney very humbly responded by saying, "Yes, that's one point of view. I understand your concern, but have you considered this and this...?" Because of his humble attitude, the editor could open up a bit. Father Maloney and a colleague then wrote a response to the editorial, which the editor published. Father Maloney explained that many news reporters write articles based on a total lack of accurate information, and he urged the ministers to take responsibility to respond to such articles. "If editors realize that anything they write about the Unification Church will be quickly rebutted," he said, "they will be more careful about what they write."

Rev. Olson then related how his bishop had reacted strongly to his

participation in and advocacy of the ICC, even initially asking him to step down from his pulpit. However, Rev. Olson stood his ground and defended his ecumenical efforts. He shared that he continues to feel it is extremely important for ministers to be in dialogue with new religious movements such as the Unification Church.

A Hungarian minister from the United Church of Christ explained that when his former bishop learned that he and his wife were planning to attend an ICC, the bishop seriously questioned his reasons for wanting

One minister shared that through the Unification Church he understood for the first time that God has a suffering heart, and more, that he is now able to do something to console God.

to participate. After discussion, the bishop realized that it was the minister's decision to make and felt that he should attend. Upon returning from his experiences in Japan and Korea, the minister said he sent out 125 letters to other Hungarian pastors encouraging them to attend. So far, a number have shown interest in attending the ICC, and there has not been one negative response.

An atmosphere of harmony

With the ideas gleaned from everyone's contributions, a group of five or six ministers got together and drafted a Statement of Purpose for the proposed alumni association. It was presented to the entire assembly for evaluation, and, with only a few minor changes, was unanimously accepted. The National ICC Alumni Association was officially launched, and the Statement of Purpose was signed by every minister present. Each region chose a temporary representative to the national association, who is to reach out to all the alumni in his own area and build a solid alumni association on a regional or state level. Most of the ministers were amazed at how quickly the proposal was adopted, and in such a

REFLECTIONS FROM THE MINISTERS

Excerpts from their written reflections on the final day

The most valuable part of this meeting was Rev. Kwak's statement: "We are not to just serve Christianity but all mankind." I would like Rev. Moon and Rev. Kwak to know that many ministers are with you but have not released their support yet; they are still afraid because of their lack of knowledge. I will do my best to bring God's people into truth and knowledge of the Unification Church. May God bless you all and keep you.

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I've not had a vision as some have had, but I caught a glimpse of the Kingdom in our midst.

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I have nine people ready to go to Korea and make a firmer stand, because it is important to Rev. Moon and to myself to have heaven here on earth.

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Rev. Moon is God's most excellent servant. He has the gospel for the entire world.

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It is a great relief and joy for those of us in very liberal churches to finally understand that the heart of Unificationism has to do with ecumenism and is not an attempt to reduce everyone to Unificationism.

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True leadership is an uphill job, and we need help from others' counsel. God is still working to tell us more through men like Rev. Moon. I want others to go and see on the Rock of Tears that God is serious.

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Thank you for bringing soul back to America.

beautiful atmosphere of love, unity, harmony, and mutual commitment.

That evening, President Mose Durst addressed the ministers, expressing his sincere gratitude to them all for attending this important event. He shared with them how, ever since he joined this movement, he has had the opportunity to become involved in tremendously far-reaching and inspiring ecumenical organizations and projects all over the world, projects that have filled him with the deepest enthusiasm and conviction that world religious harmony is not only possible but inevitable.

At the prayer service the final morning, several of the pastors gave personal testimonies. One shared that through the Unification Church he understood for the first time that God has a suffering heart. But even more, he found that he is now able to do something to console God.

To conclude the meeting, the ministers got together region by region to discuss and solidify their own individual and regional goals for bringing new ministers to the ICC. □

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The ICC Alumni Association is composed of individuals who have graduated from an ICC Conference.

The ICC Alumni Association is a voluntary organization of individuals from all denominations, races, cultures, and beliefs who wish to continue the experience of the ICC Conference community spirit.

We agree to actively support one or more of the following goals:

1. To continue dialogue with members of other denominations and faiths, particularly other graduates of ICC.

We will encourage regular meetings for this purpose. We will also support seminars and retreats for this purpose.

2. To encourage other qualified ministers, pastors, and religious leaders to participate in ICC events.

3. To support our fellow members by creating a network for assimilating their ICC experiences and assisting each other as opportunities are afforded.

4. To support all efforts to build a sense of global unity focused on ecumenism and inter-faith dialogue.

We will voluntarily give our time and resources to help solve the problems of society and encourage others to do the same.

We reaffirm the concept of unity, in our time, focused on the principle of divine love.

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A CHILD OF TRUE PARENTS

by June Darby-Perrin

I HAD AN EXPERIENCE AFTER BEING blessed that helped me understand the real nature of my new relationship with True Parents.

I prayed very hard after the Blessing to grasp what "the transfer of blood lineage" meant. I wanted to know clearly what it meant to be a child of True Parents. Father said that our relationship with him was, in a sense, more real than our relationship with our physical parents. I believed him, but the concept was vague to me. I couldn't comprehend the reality of it.

I was pioneering alone in Edinburgh at the time, and one day my central figure suggested I witness to a certain medium there and take a photo of Father to show him.

I did, and the medium said it was very apparent that I loved the man in the photo very much, and that he also loved me very deeply. But he was quite puzzled by this love relationship, because it seemed to pose no threat to my marriage.

Then suddenly he looked very sharply at the photograph and back at me and said, "He's your father! You're his daughter!" Then he looked at me again and said, "But you can't be...but you are!" He kept exclaiming this. He was totally puzzled as to how I, a blonde European woman, could have a black-haired, Oriental father!

That experience showed me clearly that True Parents were true, real Parents. I understood then that the spiritual reality was the deeper reality. In the eyes of God, I was as a spiritual mother to my physical parents, and they could be my spiritual children. I had to lead them to True Parents so that they, too, could one day find spiritual and physical salvation through the Blessing.

I was deeply grateful for that experience and was able to affirm with great joy and gratitude the words I always read in the Pledge of the Fami-

lies: "We families...vertically connected and flesh and blood of the True Parents."

From that day the very expression "True Parents" took on a profound new meaning for me. Now, no matter what difficulties I experience, I can never depart from the side of Father and Mother because I know without a shadow of doubt that they are my True Parents.

I feel so sad whenever I hear of blessed couples leading isolated, independent existences, and I cry out. If only they really understood the precious reality of what it means that they are True Parents' children! Then no hardship, sacrifice, or difficulty would be too great for them to overcome, and they would never waver in their faith, love, and obedience to Father and Mother.

I know I still don't appreciate and value the significance of the Blessing enough, nor the very great price of suffering True Parents paid to give it to us. But I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to reaffirm my commitment and dedication to True Parents by helping expand their foundation where I live through fulfilling my home church responsibilities. In this way, the fruit of my actions can express my love and gratitude to True Parents for the priceless gifts they have given to us.

I would also like to add that I have actually experienced that God is the origin of love. No matter how much difficulty you may experience in trying to unite with your husband or



wife, if both of you can individually come to love God and True Parents, work to fulfill their will, and strive to see your spouse from God's point of view, there suddenly comes a time when you find yourself loving your partner as God does. It is a most incredible experience, because then you can definitely feel that, although your love is part of you, it comes from outside of yourself and is actually much bigger than both of you combined. Then unity between the two of you becomes easy, and it is no longer a struggle to love. □

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"A MAN OF CONSCIENCE"

LEE DITTMAN SHAPIRO

by Victoria Clevenger

Lee Shapiro went to Afghanistan to document on film the reality of life there under Soviet occupation. At the end of October 1987, a report was received that he had been killed, but as this issue goes to press, this report has still not been confirmed. We wanted to print the following tribute to Lee, whether he remains alive on earth or is now working in the spirit world.

DURING HIS SPRING VISIT TO THE United States this year, filmmaker Lee Shapiro told his long-time friend, Peter Gogan, that the Soviets were keeping close tabs on news correspondents in Peshawar, the "capital" of the Afghan exile community in Pakistan. He said that "it is very likely that my team and I have been marked" for assassination. Lee and his sound man James Lindelof, a paramedic from California, were reported to have been killed October 11 or 12 during an ambush (or possibly a bombing) by Afghan and/or Soviet troops northwest of Kabul. The two had been working to "bring to viewers in the West an accurate, filmed portrait of the suffering of the Afghan people," explained Ellen Hori, Lee's assistant in America.

Lee Shapiro joined the Unification Church on June 24, 1974, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A deeply caring person, he had at first planned to be a psychiatrist. While in medical school, he had a deep experience watching an old Russian silent film. Shortly thereafter, he transferred to the London School of Film. After studying there for a year, he returned to America, where he became a member of the church. He attended the Unification Theological Seminary from 1976-78, and was then asked to pioneer Ocean Church. He made a documentary film called "Ocean Challenge" (1980) and was soon called to make films for various other church departments and organizations within the movement—including CAUSA International, which took him to Latin America.

When he witnessed the plight of the Miskito Indians under the Nicaraguan Marxist regime, he felt moved to make a film about the suffering of this brave people. The result, "Nicaragua Was Our Home," was broadcast



Lee Shapiro with Miskito Indian children in Nicaragua.

nationally by the Public Broadcasting Station and received critical acclaim from the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *TV Guide*. For its excellence, the film also received the CINE Golden Eagle Award and the Angel Award. After seeing the film in November 1985, President Reagan called Lee "a man of conscience," and said, "Your work...is motivated not only by an artist's desire to tell the story and tell it well, but also by your hatred of injustice and your compassion for its victims."

Linda Shapiro's testimony

Lee's wife, Linda Krout Shapiro, a frontline member of CARP to whom he was blessed in 1982, shares, "When we were matched, the word 'joy' came immediately into my mind. Lee always wants to make people laugh and feel happy, although internally he is very serious and dedicated. He is righteous, pure-hearted, and disciplined, and always puts his mission for God and True Parents first.



Lee and Linda Shapiro.

"In pioneering the area of film for God and True Parents, he often had to be very strong to get his ideas across. He felt desperate to be able to use his ability to try to help those people oppressed by totalitarianism. He and I both felt that God had given him his film-making mission. He always did a seven-day fast before starting a major film and went way beyond himself for the sake of each of his films.

"Because there was so little coverage of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, Lee wanted to get into the heart of the country and bring this tragedy to the world. Before he went, he talked personally with Father for two or three hours, and Father gave him his blessing. I think Father could sense that Lee was glad-

ly willing to give his entire self, even his life, for this mission.

"Lee hoped that the film would move the public toward action that could help end the Afghan people's suffering. Father said that Satan wanted to block the making of this film because he knew the impact the movie could have. Father has requested that the documentary project be completed by Lee's staff.

"Lee once told me that if he were to die, the best way would be on the front line with the people he was trying to serve. Neither he nor I want others to cry for us, but rather for the people in Afghanistan and Nicaragua, and all those who are miserably suffering under the evils of communism.

"Two days before I heard the news, I had prayed strongly to God, 'I want to grow more. Please put me through the most difficult situation.' I felt Heung Jin Nim helped prepare me for the news about Lee because right before I heard it, I had a beautiful dream of Lee, in which he hugged me gently with pure love. Of course I was profoundly shocked by the report, and I repented deeply for not supporting him enough. But I also am comforted by knowing that since Lee may still be alive, members are praying for him, and I can help his work continue here."

Michael Jenkins's Testimony

Michael Jenkins attended UTS with Lee and offers the following testimony:

"Our friendship is one of the most rewarding and endearing relation-

ships of my life. Lee is a very jovial and stable person. He has that rare gift of being able to find a joyful outlook on every activity he is engaged in. His main focus is always on people and how to help brothers and sisters find fulfillment.

"Lee loves God very deeply. I remember him telling me how grateful he was to have such a strong and faithful wife. He isn't a person to think that his problems are due to other people or the system, but instead he takes responsibility for his own circumstances. He truly believes that together with God, he is master of his own destiny. Because, I believe, of his willingness to cooperate with his central figures, he is trusted by God and Father.

"In Nicaragua, a new side of Lee Shapiro emerged that none of us had seen before: He was willing to live in the jungle and even starve in order to bring the Miskito Indians' situation to the attention of the free world. When he returned, I could see that his drive and his commitment to filmmaking was now turned towards the saving of people and nations. There was a fearlessness about this. We knew he'd lived in great danger, but he never referred to it.

"The purity of his heart as I spoke with him over our last few meetings has been so outstanding that it's not a surprise to me that his sacrifice [imprisonment or death] has become a world event. His willingness to risk his life for the sake of mankind truly exemplifies the noble tradition of our True Parents." □

A LONG-AWAITED DREAM

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ence they had ever attended. All the participants and staff felt grateful for the success of this first International Conference on the Arts—a long-awaited dream come true.

When the staff reported the conference success to Father at East Garden on August 31, he was very happy. He told them:

Art is like the flower, the bud, of culture. Therefore, those in the artistic world represent a flower itself, imparting a fragrance, a beautiful, lovely, unforgettable fragrance....

Music, fine arts, and dance each have special characteristics. The fine arts represent history, dance represents tradition, and music represents the way of life. Among the three, the most sensitive and vital and rewarding path is given by music. Music is able to quickly evoke a variety of feelings; joy, sorrow, and all the convolutions of human emotions can be readily expressed by music. The creation of music is probably the most rewarding creative activity.

Staff members for this event included Caroline Betancourt, AAI vice president; Kevin Pickard, AAI vice president; Brian Saunders, ICA con-

ference director; Christopher Davies, AAI European regional director; Daniel Gaucher, AAI French national director; Stephanie Nishida, administrative assistant; and Sheila Vaughn, head of hospitality.

The next conference will be held in August 1988 in New York City. □

STAFF SHOWN ON PHOTO, P. 25

Back row, left to right: Therese Delanque, Denis Dumas, Jean Pierre Gabriel, Stephanie Nishida, Jean Philippe Odent, and Myrna Gabriel. Middle row, left to right: Brian Saunders, Christopher Davies, Caroline Betancourt, Daniel Gaucher, and Kevin Pickard. Front row: Elizabeth Raud, Sheila Vaughn, and Mai Cuc Moine.

Our Standard of Devotion

How much you devote yourself to home church will determine the distance between you and God and the intensity of love God can give to you. Set the condition to love your home church more than your wife or husband or children or parents. Jesus said if anyone loved his husband or wife or family more than him, that person was not worthy of him. Today I am saying that if you love your own family more than you love your home church and more than you love God, then you are not worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Your home church is one small world representing all mankind and the entire earth; it is a microcosm of the whole earth. Wherever you live or travel makes no difference; your home church is the place where you will become a child of the Messiah and enter the Kingdom. Even if you live in Korea and then come to America, you will still have to make a home church. No matter where you may go on earth, you must do the home church mission. Even if you went to the spirit world now, you would have to come down to finish that mission, because without going through that gate you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Home Church and the Completion of the Kingdom of Heaven
1/1/79, World Mission Center

It may take several years to restore your home church, but if you are as good as I am, you could restore 360 homes in one year. If your baby were sick, you would drop everything to go to the hospital and try to heal him. If your husband or wife were sick, I know you would immediately take him or her to the hospital. Love your territory more than you would love your ailing husband or wife, and then you can say that you loved your territory with a love superior to all satanic standards. There is no question that if you meet that criterion you shall be the Messiah of your territory.

God set the goal in the Garden of Eden, and that ideal still remains. That goal continued through the time of Jesus and comes to us today in terms of home church. Whether I remain here on earth for another ten or 100 years doesn't make any difference. I have fulfilled the ideal already, and now it is up to you to fulfill through home church. Now is the time for the sons and daughters to fulfill as the parents have done. The criterion is to love your home church more than you love True Parents; then all kinds of miracles will take place.

The Birth of Jesus and the Consummation of God's Will
12/24/78, Belvedere

Those of you who have had love before know how powerful the attraction between men and women is; so you should think of your home church as your lover and love your people more than you have ever loved anyone in the past. You have to love God most. What you have done for home church is what you have done for God. Now, take action.

Liquidation and Blessing
5/18/80, Belvedere

Jesus said that he who would save his life will lose it, but he who would lose his life for Jesus' sake will find it. It sounds contradictory, but that is what home church is all about. Your own family in particular will talk about how you love home church more than your own husband or wife and children, and more than your parents. That's why the Bible says that your own household will be your enemy. That's true. You should not worry about that, however, because when your day of victory comes, your own family will repent and ask your forgiveness and want to follow you.

If I knock on your door at midnight and demand to know where your husband is, I don't want to hear, "I don't know, Father." I want to hear, "Father, my husband is doing home church." If you should come to see me at Gloucester at 5 am, I wouldn't be around. No one would be able to find me at midnight either. I am always at sea, in my home church, with the tuna tribe. Can you be an exception? At sea I can communicate with God and receive many inspirations, so I don't want to go anywhere else.

Total Self Re-Evaluation
9/14/80, Belvedere

The wife should strive to work harder than her husband, and the husband should strive to work harder than his wife. You should love home church more than you love each other. Love your home church more than anything else, and concentrate on finding your own Kingdom of Heaven there. Then you will know you are entitled to ultimate Heaven. Even if you appear in your home church without clothes, they will all still welcome you as their savior. This is the new evangelism. This is the place where we must succeed.

Reflection Upon Life
6/1/79, Belvedere

To express God's concern for each of His children, we must tangibly help those we meet in our daily lives. Through reading popular literature we learn about people and programs that are also trying to help today's families. Each month, if possible, Today's World would like to let you know about some of them. This column is not meant to endorse any program or organization mentioned.

Honest, from-the-heart communication is perhaps the best way to develop good relationships, solve interpersonal problems, and heal hurts. To facilitate these processes with your contacts, friends, and family, we want to acquaint you with the **Ungame**. This is a board game with many different sets of cards containing questions to ask the others playing the game

about their feelings and experiences. The result is that you may come to understand more about someone in 20 minutes of playing the game than from 5 years of living with them.

The game can be found in toy, school supply, and Christian book stores, or ordered directly from:

Ungame Co.
P.O. Box 6382
Anaheim, California 92806
(714) 993-9800

If you have any suggestions and ideas for practical ways to help people, please let us at Today's World know. Such ideas may inspire members in their efforts to help others through the Principle.

[Information found in "Secrets of Family Communication," Reader's Digest, August 1986.]

LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

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Upon receiving this guidance from Heung Jin Nim, many leaders confessed, and afterwards many shared that they felt much closer to God's and True Parents' heart and understood the value of the Principle more deeply than ever before. Although confessing was very difficult for some of them, everyone felt exhilarated and liberated afterwards. One said he felt better than he had ever felt in his entire life. Why is this? We need to understand the meaning and process of liberation.

Many times, after committing sin, you feel discomfort and shame, so you repent silently to God. Perhaps you also even lay some indemnity condition on your own, but you find that you still struggle. Why? God is almighty and forgiving, isn't He? We must understand that for fallen man, especially after committing sin, there is no way to directly reach God. Through committing sin, Cain breaks his relationship with God and becomes distant. Cain can restore this relationship only through an Abel figure; therefore, to completely solve our sin, our confession must reach God through our central figure. This is why God sent the Messiah. Even a 700-day fasting condition will not help if there is no confession to the central figure, who represents the Messiah.

After you commit some sin, you may still smile and appear the same externally, but internally you feel uncomfortable and unfree. The sin creates a shadow between you and the light and love of God. To sin means to go away from God, toward Satan. Real confession and repentance involves making a 180-degree change in direction—back to the original direction of God. A 30-degree change is better than nothing, but you are still in the shadow of sin, still struggling and uncomfortable.

Cut Satan's lines

What is Satan's reaction when someone tries to turn 180 degrees back toward God? Of course he wants to keep you! Therefore, you must not only change your direction completely but also cut your relationship with Satan. After sin, there are lines bind-

ing you to Satan. By confessing to someone whom True Parents recognize as your central figure, you can cut these lines by which Satan tries to pull you back toward him.

The Messiah is infinitely precious to us because he is our eternal Abel, and without True Parents we could never be liberated from Satan. True Parents have already completely conquered Satan, so if our heart is united with our central figure, who in turn is also united with True Parents, then when we confess we automatically cut our links with Satan, and he will have no more hold on us. However, even though we confess and cut off our relationship with Satan, our position is still in Satan's environment. Without quickly elevating ourselves,

If we purify ourselves fundamentally, overcoming our sins, bad habits, and impure thoughts through sincere confession and repentance, we can greatly ease True Parents' heart and burden.

Satan can very easily invade and attack us. There is no way we can fulfill our portion of responsibility after committing sin, because responsibility exists only within the realm of God. But what we *can* do under Satan's dominion is lay indemnity conditions, which is the form of responsibility for fallen, sinful man. Perhaps you've experienced repenting but then repeating your mistake, sometimes to a worse degree than before. This is because you didn't lay an indemnity condition quickly. After confession, ask your central figure to suggest an indemnity condition and voluntarily do it.

It's good to feel excitement after your confession, but it should be not only because *you* feel liberated. You should also be glad and grateful that your liberation is helping Heavenly Father and True Parents' dispensa-

tional progress. Your excitement should ideally reach an unchanging level. How many times in your life were you up and then down—excited and then depressed? This is a result of impurity. Our impurity blocks us from completely uniting with God's and True Parents' unchanging shimjung. Our happiness must come from the deep, internal cleansing we experience after this complete three-step process of confession, repentance, and laying indemnity conditions.

True Parents have guided us in this way hundreds of times, but until now we haven't understood 100 percent. Because Heung Jin Nim can understand True Parents' heart much more deeply and clearly now than ever before, he is helping us to directly apply True Parents' words fundamentally to our daily lives and to achieve a complete internal victory.

Heung Jin Nim is also encouraging our church leaders to connect more to Jesus. Before the True Parents came, Jesus was the most important central figure in both the spiritual and physical worlds. Now Heung Jin Nim and Jesus are completely united; their relationship is very close and mutually respectful.

Strengthen your identity

No longer should you feel it is enough to merely follow your prescribed daily schedule. You must focus on fulfilling your identity and responsibility as a true follower—a second self—of True Parents. Ask yourself, "What is True Parents' (my eternal subject) expectation of me? What must I do to unite with True Parents' shimjung, the source of true life?" To reach this level, you need to unite in heart with your Abel figure, sincerely lay indemnity conditions, and constantly go the way of restoration every day of your life.

Too often our concerns are about minor, external matters rather than those of fundamental, eternal significance. You may feel, "My relationship with my central figure is so difficult; we have no communication—what shall I do?" But don't focus on such things. It is because you are impure that your spirit is burdened. If you become purified and your vertical relationship with God and True Parents is strengthened, your spirit will become much lighter, and external matters will be far more easily taken

care of. Don't waste this historical opportunity.

True Parents themselves have had to fulfill their own portion of responsibility from the individual to the worldwide level. The level at which we link with them is very important. We should, even symbolically, follow True Parents' pattern as much as possible; we must advance our level of sacrifice and commitment from the individual to the global level. True Parents' providential timetable is no longer at the individual level. Father's concern is for the world, so he doesn't like to speak to you if you are listening to his speeches only centered on yourself, looking to be excited and to feel good. We have listened to Father's

speeches and directions many times, but what has really been our response? If you think, "I want to see True Parents because I get excited when I see them," you are missing the point. We should desire to see True Parents so that after hearing Father's directions, we can follow them exactly—100 percent.

Recently Father again told the leaders to give their sermons based directly on Father's speeches and directions. He knows that your tendency is to be more interested in rumors than in the central figure's direction. Following rumors, which may be the opposite of Father's direction, violates the proper order of relationship, the second point Heung Jin

Nim emphasized. In God's principled world, there are no rumors, only exact directions. Please be careful.

If we purify ourselves fundamentally, overcoming our sins, bad habits, and impure thoughts through sincere confession and repentance, we can greatly ease True Parents' heart and burden. At this time True Parents are entirely focused on fulfilling God's providential goals. We should not only pray for True Parents, the world, and the restoration of the Fatherland; we should also devote ourselves completely to following True Parents' directions and fulfilling our own responsibility in our present missions.

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A VISIT TO THE "ORIGINAL HOUSE"

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The nine-year-old daughter of the caretaker of the Won Jun visits Heung Jin Nim every day.



Larry Moffitt at the top of the marble stairs leading to Heung Jin Nim's Won Jun.

asked Heung Jin Nim for the ability to use his power to bring world leaders to God and to help people understand that Heavenly Father is truly alive today in more ways than He has ever been since man was created.

The air was warm, the skies were crystal clear, and the late afternoon sun gave everything the kind of glow that makes the trees and grass seem a more vibrant green and gives your skin a warm orange glow. The time of day and the weather enhanced the spirit, or maybe it was the other way around. I felt the *Won Jun* would be just as embracing in rain or deepest

snow.

I knew then why it is improper to refer to this site as a "tomb" or "grave." Nothing there has even the remotest connection with death. In fact, the opposite is true. There is no other place on earth where the flame of life and renewal burns as bright.

Our precious brother Heung Jin Nim was born into the spirit world on this spot as the heir to True Parents' foundation. Likewise, though we still understand so little, all of our members and all our hopes were born there as well. □

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