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Letter from the Publisher

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

The main political topic of conversation in South Korea now is the issue of the unification of the entire peninsula. On campuses, in congress, and on the street, everyone—both liberal and conservative—is talking about unification. I am amazed by this development because before last year, when Father established the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (CFUF) on May 15, 1987, no one had any real hope for unification, and thus didn't even talk about it. The only focus was the kind of government that should exist in South Korea.

Father, of course, has been thinking about unification for years, and has initiated programs such as Victory Over Communism, which has helped prepare the country for this time. The professors involved in the CFUF are deeply amazed and surprised because they know clearly that last year people had no consciousness of the possibility for unification—and only a year later, it's a nationwide issue! Now both our members and the professors can even more deeply appreciate Father's perceptive understanding and broad vision of the future. He knows that unification will not come by spreading propaganda or by expounding some theory. It will only be achieved through very realistic and effective preparation and organization from the grass-roots level on up. Father is the only person, and the CFUF is the only organization, working to achieve unification of North and South Korea under democratic and God-centered ideals. The voluntary participation of leading professors gives the CFUF great power. Truly it is the only hope to fulfill the goal of unification.

Recently President Roh Tae Woo strongly called for the adoption of six policies which would significantly expand the foundation for the unification of North and South Korea:

- 1) All Koreans should be able to travel freely between South and North.
- 2) Those families that have been separated should be permitted to visit one another.
- 3) The door to trade between South and North should be opened, and it should be conducted as intra-national commerce.
- 4) The South will strive to make efforts to balance and improve our nation's economy for the sake of our people's prosperity, and we will not oppose the trade of non-military materials between other friendly nations and North Korea.
- 5) The South hopes to cooperate with the North for both nations' mutual benefit and to end the closed and hostile relationship that now exists between us.
- 6) The South is ready to cooperate with efforts to create better relationships among America, Japan, and North Korea and will itself seek for better relationships with communist countries such as the Soviet Union and China.

Many people in South Korea and in other countries heartily welcomed the proclamation of these remarkable policies.

Until this time, the strategy of North Korea has been to spread propaganda through the communists and liberals in South Korea. They talk about exchange between the countries with false smiles of peace, but this is not their true intention. However, as seen from the six points, President Roh is now urging the North to allow free travel and trade between the two countries. Much of this is unacceptable to North Korea because if they indeed opened their country in this way, the world would see the appalling reality there and discover that their glowing description about life in the North has only been propaganda. It would be very embarrassing for them.

I believe that the CFUF will more and more become a very significant organization. Successfully accomplishing the goal of unification will require the efforts and prayers of many people and should continue to remain an important focus for our worldwide membership.

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DAY OF ALL THINGS AND LIBERATION

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How are the cultures of the East and West different? There are many fundamental differences—in the way of life, in the cultural and political history, and in the environment. Everything is different; however, the roots are the same. Mankind is like one giant tree coming out of one root, branching into many different colors and types. Why do you think the branches are all so different?

The climate has had a very significant effect, causing the human races to have different features. For example, the black people, who originally lived in the tropical zones, have short,

wide noses because they had to breathe in hot air. They didn't have to warm that air to body temperature; the air only needed to go a short distance up the nose. On the other hand, the white people, originating in the cold northern zones, needed to warm the air before it got to the lungs. They developed long, narrow noses so the air could be heated well. The noses of yellow people are right in the middle, of medium length and width.

Out of the 5 billion people on earth, 3 billion are members of the yellow race, while the white race probably numbers 800 million, or 1 billion at the most. Since the yellow race is the predominant race in the world, anyone who wants to lead the world in the future has to be able to accommodate the yellow

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race. That is why communism has been trying to conquer Asia; however, it has not been able to completely dominate Asian territory. America is trying to influence Asia as well. Christianity is the predominant religion in the West, particularly in the United States, but it has not had widespread influence in Asia.

HOW CAN WE BRING PEACE?

Today there is a great deal of struggle in the world, with many different ideologies and religions trying to bring about peace but contradicting each other, thus failing to do so. How can we bring peace out of this turmoil and conflict? There are three ways. One is by using superior power; another is by using persuasion. But there is something better than either of the two. If people are given a choice, they will always go after the better alternative. With that better alternative, we will be able to create lasting peace among the conflicting parties. Because the world is embroiled in conflict between two opposing worlds—between democracy and communism, between freedom and tyranny, we must have either a greater power than communism or democracy, or a better ideology. Where can we find this? You are saying True Parents are the answer, but that is because you are Moonies! Who else would believe that? I want to be objective, so how can we say this is a solution?

It seems to be an absolutely impossible task to bring world peace at the present time. Many people say there is no God, but when their situation becomes desperate, people begin to think that if there is no God they had better create an artificial God. Without some supernatural intervention in human affairs, they see no hope. There are so many world religions, all professing to believe in God, yet none of them has offered the correct solution to the world's problems. What it boils down to is one fundamental question: Is there really a God? Does He really exist?

When we think about the East and West, which side is internal and which side is external? You're from the Western world, so why do you say the Eastern world is internal? You don't like to be external, but you honestly confessed that the West is external, didn't you?

I began this speech by saying that we come out of one root; therefore, the harvest will ultimately be the same. Whether internal or external, we're going to bear the same result, the same consequences, the same fruit. Actually, division and conflict between internal and external, between East and West, wasn't what God desired. Originally everything was supposed to be part of a whole, but because of the fall of man, division inevitably occurred. Therefore, the work of restoration is to bring everything into ultimate unity and harmony. Internal and external, East and West, should be harmonized into one fruitful result. Who shall do that? You say you will do it, but if you try to harmonize the world all alone without God's intervention, that unity would not last long. Things would become separated and divided again. No one wants racism in this country, yet racism is a reality, despite man's desire for interracial harmony. Even though people try, they cannot achieve the ultimate

goal alone. We must seek the power of intervention from something above us that can unite us—that is, from God.

Each one of us has the ambition to find something of greater benefit and higher value—to receive it, grab it, and hold on to it. Everyone is competing to find that higher value. If God truly exists and possesses a higher value, then everybody will want to go after and possess God. God will say, "All right, you come and get me. I have absolute power, absolute persuasiveness, absolute preciousness. You want to have this and you are entitled to have it. However, I will have to impose upon you one condition." That condition should be even higher than the value of God Himself. The people will say, "Heavenly Father, we need and want to receive that condition. Please give it to us!" God Himself absolutely needs to bestow that condition. That condition is so precious and so incredibly valuable that in order to obtain it, the conflicting parties will have to give up fighting and cooperate with each other to reach it. So what is that condition? *[True love!]* Where did you learn that? You're not so dumb—you're clever!

God is almighty, omnipotent, omnipresent, and has all powers and all knowledge and all preciousness, yet if God didn't have that condition of true love, He would have no real impetus or desire to live. His life would be boring, don't you agree?

What is true love? True love must be whole. It must make a complete circle through all 360 degrees; otherwise it cannot be true love. Love is not yours; it comes from the object. The object returns love to you. In order to be able to receive true love, you should be completely humble. You should open yourself up and always be ready to embrace. In other words, the attitude of the recipient of love is to be ready and able to receive.

When God created all things and human beings, He did not do so for His own sake, for His ego or selfish purposes. God created for the sake of the object. God totally invested Himself, His entire energy, heart, and soul into the object. That is the original, basic principle of life. For God to possess true love He must make a total investment of everything He has.

If white people want to possess that love, then they must invest everything they've got. Black people have to do the same, and yellow people as well. Otherwise, you are not entitled to that true love. When you invest everything you have, that means you empty yourself and a total vacuum is created. The only way you can find true love is when you truly empty yourself; then true love can come in and fill you. It is with the fulfillment of true love that conflict begins to be resolved.

YOU ARE THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

As true love starts to manifest everywhere, there is no conflict anymore; eventually the concepts of conflict and struggle will no longer exist. Everybody will be united completely. My conclusion is that in order to have world peace become a reality, we must have true love as our way of life, from the very lowest grass-roots level on up. True love must become everyone's goal. True love always follows the person who invests himself entirely for the sake of others, who always empties himself and



Father speaks to the members at Belvedere on the Day of All Things . . .

creates a vacuum. That kind of person will attract true love. When there is true love, there is no disunity; only unification and harmony prevail.

The United States can become a kingdom of true love. You can create it by living a selfless life. You Americans must give to others and begin to sacrifice yourself for the sake of all humanity. Then the United States, without a doubt, shall become a kingdom of true love.

There are rich people in America who have beautiful homes, even mansions. They must come to the realization that they would rather possess true love than a big mansion, that they would rather sell their mansion and go to Africa to serve the millions of suffering and hungry people there. What if America really practiced this kind of altruism in a pragmatic way? The problem with America today is that Americans want to be lifted up to heaven, but they want to go to heaven without giving up one penny, one ounce of energy. They want to keep

everything for themselves, while in the meantime they are craving for heaven. This is a great contradiction.

If the United States cannot truly practice the principle of true love, perhaps there is some small group of people that can. Then those particular people would attract true love and could actually create the kingdom of love on the face of the earth. Where are such people? What about you Moonies? When you get hold of true love, you shout, "I've got it, I've got it!" But instead of keeping true love to yourself, why don't you try and give it to all the people of the world? Are you such Moonies?

We're the chosen people; we're the heirs of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Therefore, should we think that eventually God will empower us so that we can dominate the world? No. What is the definition of chosen people? Chosen people must be thinking, "God has chosen us; therefore we are ready to become a sacrifice and to give ourselves up for the sake of the entire world." The chosen people are chosen to invest themselves totally.

WHAT GOD EXPECTS FROM AMERICA

America has been blessed for the last 200 years simply because America's original settlers, the Pilgrim fathers, came for the sake of God. They wanted to create God's Kingdom.

However, America is selfish in wanting to protect only the white people's interests. Americans think, "We don't want the people of all those different colors of skin coming to this country. They are taking away our jobs, our fortunes, and our future." This is wrong thinking because this nation does not belong to the white people. Who were the original landlords of this country? The Indians. So white people are actually the guests of this country. The guests came into the country and kicked the hosts out. But still God blessed the

white people and allowed them to prosper in this country, while the Indians were sacrificed. Why? Because when God looked at the Pilgrims and the early settlers, He saw that these white people were a different kind of white people. They were here sacrificially trying to build a nation under God and trying to offer hope and inspiration to the rest of the world. God allowed the white people to prosper for 200 years because He knew they had the capacity to help the rest of the world. However, unless white people serve the greater purpose of God, they no longer have any justification to claim ownership of this country. God always expected this nation to be a God-centered nation. America should become the ideal society, expounding true love and going out to help the entire world.

But today, as American people do business with the rest of the world, are they doing the will of God? Are they committing themselves completely for the sake of other countries? American people should be saying, "Even if we lose all of America,

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we'd rather give to benefit the entire world." If America did that, it would never perish. But America has alienated the rest of the world. Why? Because this country lives selfishly and tries to win benefit for itself, while at the same time it is spreading immorality throughout the world. If Americans truly worked unselfishly and committed every ounce of their energy and every drop of their blood and sweat for the sake of the world, then the entire world would line up right behind America. There would never be such a slogan as "Yankee Go Home!"

America has been known as the melting pot, a land where the oppressed people of all nations can live together peaceably. But today in this country, there is more division among races and nationalities than ever before. More and more, individualism prevails. How can true love survive in such an environment? This country cannot prosper with this attitude.

A NEW HISTORICAL TREND

I came to America in 1971. Did I come to make a great fortune for myself? No! When I came and began to teach these novel and monumental principles, some Americans were shouting, "Rev. Moon, go home! We don't need you." Other people were saying, "Let him alone. He won't last more than five years, because everything that comes to America is eventually Americanized." But almost 17 years later, people are finding that instead of Rev. Moon becoming Americanized, America is becoming Moonized. For what purpose am I Moonizing America? To teach the true, altruistic way of life and to try to make America great in the sight of God. For the last 17 years, I have invested every ounce of my blood, sweat, labor, and tears in America, reserving nothing. Are you Americanized, or Moonized? Is Moonization the way of decline or the way of prosperity?

There is a change now, and black people are seeing that this spreading of altruistic love is for their benefit and is supporting their well-being. The black people, as well as the Hispanics and other minorities, look at Rev. Moon as a hero. When minorities

get together, they become the majority, and the majority becomes the minority.

The world historical trend and God's providential will never stand still. The world is turning to the East, across the Pacific. American people themselves are evaluating whether America is in decline. I am not the only one talking about the coming Pacific Era; the American media is predicting it as well.

Oriental people tend to keep their secrets inside; they do not talk very much. That means they accumulate their fortunes inside their mind. But where do white people like to accumulate their fortune? In jewelry, fancy cars, houses, boats, airplanes. Oriental people have small eyes, which focus on things in the distance; they can see into the future. I can focus on objects a long distance away with my vision, but I am not satisfied with that. I like to close my eyes so I can see into the even more distant future. American eyes, on the other hand, are big. Big eyes always focus on a short distance; they look at things and work for things immediately visible. Americans try to enjoy the present, but the day will come when they must offer what they have achieved for a higher purpose.

The world is destined to become one—there is no question about it. In order to become one, you need a central axis around which to become one, a core ideology. I have come to the conclusion that the core ideology must be the true love ideology. Those who are trying to make themselves a vacuum, emptying themselves out and living and breathing for the entire world—those are the kind of people who shall prevail and unify the world.



PHOTOS: KEN OWENS

... as Mother and the True Children listen intently along with the members.

When you go out as a good child of True Parents and walk down the street or through the village or in the forest, all things will be pleading with you, saying, "Please be my master, please restore me."

FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLE OF LOVE

Let us examine whether this truth holds up. Let's say there are 10 members in one family. Among them, one member is totally selfless. He serves the grandparents, the parents, all his brothers and sisters—everybody. He totally empties himself and gives his entire heart and soul and mind for the sake of the others. Within 10 years that person will no doubt become the central figure of that family. Even the parents and grandparents will follow him and try to come under his domain, don't you think so?

That same principle can be applied to the national level. Let's say there are 10 nations and one nation is truly altruistic, serving all the other nine nations. What will eventually happen? The rulers of those nine nations might not welcome it, but the citizens of those countries will want to go to that one country and become part of it. If there were an ideology of true love, wouldn't the entire world and universe want to make a connection with that true love? Who is the source? It is God. You would like to have such a God, wouldn't you?

If a nation is of absolutely no benefit to humanity or to history, then that nation will perish. When I came to America for the first time, I declared, "America, if you continue this way of life, you will decline." The American people thought I was anti-American. But that declaration came from God, not from me. Today the statements I made 10 or 15 years ago truly make sense, don't they? The government sent me to Danbury and thought that that would be the end of Rev. Moon. But after Danbury, I am still saying America is declining, without any hesitation. American people don't want to hear it. They just want to block their ears.

The people who are gathered together here are of many races and colors, but one thing is clear: Your two eyes are looking at the same thing. Your desire is the same—you want to make heaven and earth into one. You are ready to devote everything and commit yourself totally.

You know the Unification way of life is not going to be an easy one. You have not been living an easy life, and you know

that my children and grandchildren are going the same difficult way too. You may feel, "Oh, I better quit now and turn around," but if you try to turn, you cannot leave. You just try to turn your head but your legs say, "No, stay!" Your body may complain, saying, "No, I cannot do this the rest of my life. I don't want my children to go this way." But your mind, soul, and heart know that this is the right way of living, the way to eternal life. You know it.

You just cannot separate yourself from Father and Mother, and when Father and Mother are away from the United States you feel America is quite empty, don't you? Why? When you come to see me at Belvedere at 6:00 in the morning, I do not even give you a glass of water or a glass of McCool or a soft drink. All I give you is a hard pounding, and then I send you

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Shin Gil Nim and Shin Won Nim in Grandpa's chair.

out, but still you cannot separate yourself from me. What you are getting is something absolutely special. You're breathing special air in this room. The spiritual air is different and the environment is different. You have a cleansing experience of getting rid of all the dirt in yourself.

If I crossed the Pacific and never came back to America, would you rather follow me or tie me up and bring me back to America? If all you unmarried men and women married

Koreans, the world would become one within your own family and there would be no separation between the East and West. If you brought children into the world and your children brought more children, after three generations would your family be Western or Oriental? Our Unification culture is entirely unique and different from all others. It is a universal culture. It's our goal to become the true love culture. So whom do you think God would choose as champions to create one world under God?

This is true liberation. All things of creation want liberation; they're longing to have that liberation. When God created the world, He committed everything He had, every ounce of energy, but what happened? The result of that creation was

It is because of the need of all things of creation for liberation that I began the home church providence. In addition to the home church providence, now we have to restore our own hometowns.

snatched away by Satan through the fall of man. God has been waiting for the liberation of all things from this bondage of sin, the bondage of Satan. The 5 billion people all over the world should take God's position and invest everything they've got in trying to restore the original ideal. As all things of creation are restored into the original form, they and God will be liberated, centering on true love.

RETURN TO YOUR HOMETOWN

On the Day of All Things, what do we want to celebrate? We want to celebrate our commitment to the total liberation of all things and the liberation of God from His grief. So we must all set an individual goal. Wherever you are, choose a territory and say to your own heart, "I am going to invest my total self and bring the territory I have chosen into total freedom, into total liberation from the bondage of sin." Where do we do this? In our hometown. Return to your hometown, where you were born, and you are returning to that place on God's behalf, with the mission of God. As much as God devoted His entire energy for creation, you go to your hometown and devote your entire energy for the recreation of your hometown. Renew the lives of the people there and give them liberation. Help them really feel that they are true, recreated beings, with nothing to do with sin or the bondage of Satan. If you do that, and because of that you perish, that proves I'm wrong, and you can hold me responsible. But my entire life has been a testimony to the success of this formula.

I have been in prison many times, but wherever I go I practice the Principle; thus, resurrection, renewed energy, and great blossoming always follow me. That has been my life testimony. My children and my grandchildren are continuing my tradition and doing the recreation work for the sake of my territory, my own hometown. By your also doing so, your hometown will become your inheritance. God will give you the right of possession. In the sight of God, it is your land. Because of the fall of man, all things belong to Satan and are under satanic domain. You must create a new order under the principle of true love. You can take ownership away from Satan and offer that ownership to God Almighty. When all things of creation are returned to their original ownership under God, then you have given them true liberation.

I want you to know that when you go out as a good child of True Parents and walk down the street or through the village or in the forest with the trees and flowers, all things will be pleading with you, saying, "Please be my master, please restore me. I want to return to the true ownership of God." You must hear those appeals crying out spiritually from all things of creation. It is because of the need of all things of creation for liberation that I began the home church providence. In addition to the home church providence, now we have to restore our own hometowns. This is one reason why we are buying land. The land becomes jubilant when we buy it, because it enters into heavenly ownership. This is the reason I would never sell the land we buy. I could never disappoint the things of creation.

We must lay bridges across the Pacific Ocean and connect Asia—Korea, Japan, and China—with the Western world. Doing this is difficult, so you must be grateful that I am a representative of Asia and have already created the bridge between the two worlds of East and West. The major religions of the world—Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Islam, and Christianity—are rooted in Asia. What about the Unification Church root—is it in the West or East? It came from the East to unite all the religions of the world so that together they can embrace the external Western world. I am working not only with the world of religion, but also with the material world of the West and embracing the Western people, so that I can make one great offering to God in which all religions, all races, and all civilizations are included.

This is all done in the name of true love. On the altar of true love, Asian people and Western people can come together with all things to be offered to God. In the Old Testament era, offerings had to be cut in two pieces because at that time separation from Satan had to be made. But now all things will be restored with true love, so things don't need to be cut. In the name of True Parents and true love there shall be the final wholesome offering of humanity to God on the altar of true love.

What is the difference between good and evil? Evil is always trying to force itself forward, while good is always staying behind, remaining hidden, doing its work quietly, devoting itself, committing itself, and investing more. True love will blossom in this kind of environment. Why do we need true love? Because it is the only power that can bring liberation to all things. Then upon the liberation of all things will come the liberation of God. Today, the members of the Unification Church are gathered together for the celebration of the Day of All Things. Today we should again commit ourselves to give, empty ourselves, and invest everything for the sake of the liberation of all things and the liberation of God. That is the commitment and the pledge we ought to make today. We want to be the final offering on the altar of true love in the name of True Parents.

Those who commit themselves for the sake of the liberation of America, stand up and raise both hands. Amen. God bless you all. □

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CUTTING THE CELEBRATION CAKE

At the end of Father's speech, the celebration cake was brought out, and Father cut the cake in a new way. Mr. Peter Kim explained:

"The Unification Church way of cutting a celebration cake has been changed. Until now, we have been cutting the cake once vertically and then once horizontally. Since the birth of Father's grandson, Shin Gil Nim, on February 13, 1988, we no longer cut the cake in a cross. Father cuts two parallel vertical lines, dividing the cake into three sections, symbolizing formation, growth, and perfection. Please, everyone, follow Father's tradition from now on when you cut a cake."

"FROM HARAN TO CANAAN"

Heung Jin Nim's Opening Talk at a 21-day Jacob's Course Conference

Heung Jin Nim's remarks to the brothers and sisters participating in this recent 21-day conference have significant meaning for all of us since we are each embarked on our own journey from Haran to Canaan.

Heung Jin Nim prays:

Our most beloved Heavenly Father, man is now living within a realm surrounded by Your truth, love, and beauty. Therefore I pray, especially now, that this 21-day conference may bear fruit throughout this whole area of the world. May this conference represent the shortest course from Egypt to Israel, which was the original plan of Moses, and may this 21-day conference totally reflect Jacob's victorious course.

I pray that these second selves and chosen ones, who have joined this 21-Day Jacob's Course Conference, can truly understand Your heart and the heart of True Parents. I pray that they can grasp whatever they hear in the Divine Principle with their hearts and with their original minds, and relate to it in a more substantial way. Heavenly Father, let the Word be seen within them, and let them be the Word.

The Word that has been given to these second selves and chosen ones is all they need to reach perfection, if that is truly their desire. Therefore, it is also all they need to establish the Kingdom of Heaven within their hearts and within their original minds as ideal individuals. From that point, they can come up to the family level and have dominion over all things.

After these second selves and chosen ones have returned to their own countries, may this day and this 21-day conference live forever in their original hearts and minds.

I, Heung Jin, offer this prayer in humility and gratitude in the name of our most beloved True Parents.

Amen.

You are now embarking on a 21-day course like Jacob's. Do you know where you are coming from and where you are headed? Jacob had to go from Haran to Canaan. For you, Canaan is your original mind and original heart.

Do you think you have already arrived in Canaan in your heart? If you take the Word that True Parents have given you and apply yourself in this 21-day conference, you will shorten your course of restoration here on earth. Can you do that? Can you promise that and commit yourself?

You should try to shorten the time needed to educate yourselves. I always tell people that they don't need to go through lengthy training programs. The Word of God has been here on earth for a long time. So on that foundation, it is just a matter of a person taking the Word and living it. In no time at all, you can grow from the formation stage through the growth and completion stages until you become an ideal person. There is no need for you to search for greater truth. Ideal human values from God are already in man, despite man's fallen state.

Why wasn't Moses able to lead the chosen people on the short, 21-day route from Egypt to Israel? It was because the Israelites had no idea of their value. They did not know themselves. They were far away from God, so God told Moses they would have to take the long way. They were not qualified to take the short way.

If you have the qualification to take the short route towards your perfection, then you can become perfect quickly. To take the short route, you have to understand God and see yourself in God. The Word of God has to be deeply rooted in you; then you can grow through the three stages quickly and go where God wants you to go.

The outcome depends on you

So I want all of you, in these next 21 days, to take the short route. If you take the long route, it will be based on your decision. Even though God has allowed you to follow this 21-day course, the outcome will depend on your decision—on how much you are responsible and how much you will be able to understand God within yourselves. That is your portion of responsibility.

Do you know where you are coming from and where you are headed? Jacob had to go from Haran to Canaan. For you, Canaan is your original mind and original heart.

When God originally told Moses to take the people on the 21-day course to Canaan, God had already accomplished 100 percent of His own portion of responsibility. He was merely anticipating the fulfillment of the Israelites' portion of responsibility. Thus we can say that God's portion of responsibility, declaring the start of the 21-day course, plus the Israelites' portion of responsibility, uniting with Moses, equals the fulfillment of God's will.

Up until now, few people have ever come close to understanding the meaning of the True Parents' 21-year course. Most people did not understand at all. But to understand this course, I asked Moses what the meaning of the Israelites' 21-day course was from the viewpoint of the spiritual world. That is why I can explain it to you. No one had previously been able to explain the meaning of Moses' 21-day course. But I understand it now, and you also have to understand.



"Jacob was the first person to succeed in subjugating Satan."

You have committed yourselves to these 21 days. You know the meaning of this course; therefore, you have to be responsible to keep your commitment. You agreed to go the whole course. So are you going to live up to your commitment or will we find you "doing your own thing"? If you never seriously commit yourselves, you will become irresponsible and lose your value. How can you hope to become perfect if you cannot demonstrate the commitment and responsibility God is looking for in these 21 days?

When God's portion of responsibility is added to your own portion of responsibility, the result is the fulfillment of God's will in yourself. Then what value would you have? You would have God's value. You just have to understand yourself in a very simple way during these 21 days—to see yourself in God and to see God in yourself.

Conquer the evil mind

Moses had to lead the people on the long wilderness route. Do you want to go that way? Do you want to be constantly burned by the desert sun? Surely, when God told the Israelites that the Promised Land was flowing with milk and honey, He meant that the 21-day journey was a short course. Did they find milk and honey when they became irresponsible? No. They complained to Moses about the food, so Moses had to give them manna and quail. At what point did the Israelites deviate? When did they lose their qualification to follow the 21-day course? It was when they began to complain that they disobeyed God and deviated.

From the time of their deviation, Moses was leading the Israelites through hell. At the same time, he was also leading them out of hell, which was Satan's dominion in Egypt. Truly, the wilderness was hell. The Israelites built the golden calf because they wanted to escape the hardships of the wilderness and return to Egypt. But God had led them there only because He wanted them to see their own value from His viewpoint. He wanted them to see themselves as children of God. Sometimes it is necessary for man to know this wilderness type of hell in order to become good; otherwise he would not be fit to carry out God's plan.

Would Moses have needed to stop and get the Commandments on the way if they had taken the 21-day course? No. According to God's original plan, the Israelites should have settled in Canaan as soon as possible. Then Moses would have come with the Ten

Commandments, and they would have obeyed them. They would have seen themselves as responsible for the accomplishment of God's will in the land God had given them. However, because they did not feel responsible, Moses had to bring them the Ten Commandments while they were still in hell.

Do you want to stay in hell? You say you want to be in heaven, but do you realize what that involves? In order to go to heaven, you have to die first. You have to die many times over, because heaven is a place for those who have conquered death many times. Can you do that? Can you conquer your evil mind many times? Can you overcome when you want to complain about not having a decent pair of socks or a nice shirt? Can you conquer little difficulties such as the color of the person next to you or the way he looks? Can you overcome the feeling of disliking one another? These are just small difficulties, but this is



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what I mean when I say you have to die many times. You have to sacrifice and give yourself.

God has given you all you need

During these 21 days, give yourself completely and start a new life centering on what you learn and accomplish here. You can cut off the past and completely forget it. God is giving you new life. Whether you accept it or not is up to you. Whenever you are called by God, whether or not you go is up to you; whether or not you do the will of God is up to you; and whether you succeed or fail is also up to you. God has given you all you need to understand yourself and see that He is in you. That is the reason why you are here. God has surrounded you with the complete truth.

It was because of the Israelites' disbelief that Moses struck the rock twice. If the Israelites had accepted and united with the will of God, Moses never would have been in the situation that led him to strike the rock twice. This means that they were in hell. Moses tried to speak to them, but they could not understand. If they had followed the 21-day course, would Moses have had to fast for 40 days? That fast was a declaration that the Israelites had failed and lost the qualification to follow the 21-day course. So the 40-day fast was the condition to separate Moses and the Israelites from Satan. However, even though

Moses laid that condition, the Israelites continued to deviate.

Within the 21 days, there were three seven-day periods of completion. What did the number seven represent? It was the number of perfection in each stage. It was simple. During this time they could have entered God's direct dominion. This is the Principle.

Even after the Israelites reached the Promised Land, they fell. A new generation centering on Joshua and Caleb carried on in their place, but they also fell. They failed to establish any conditions representing man's portion of responsibility that would bring about the total fulfillment of God's Will. God's directives, and the substantial foundation of His portion of responsibility were always there, even after Moses died. That is how Joshua and Caleb could carry on the mission of Moses. But one thing was missing: man's own fulfillment of his portion of responsibility. That was what brought all of the chosen people into hell.

In the beginning, God gave Moses 21 days because that number represented Jacob's successful course. Jacob was the first person to succeed in subjugating Satan because, through a 21-year period, he substantially restored the completion levels of the three stages of growth. There are different degrees of perfection. The completion level of each stage represents perfection within that stage. After completing the 21-year condition, Jacob attained the perfection level of a certain stage, even though his spiritual and intellectual levels were not necessarily the highest. At the top of the completion stage, Jacob subjugated his brother Esau. He united with his brother who represented Cain. Therefore, God could at last say there was a substantial victory. From that time on, there was a foundation for God to work on a higher level.

Responsibility, the essence of the Principle

Your 21-day course is a foundation for you to work on a higher level. Who must be responsible to create the higher level? It is you. Do not think that when you return to your countries, your national representatives will create this higher level for you. You must take responsibility to create a higher spiritual and intellectual level yourself. You are lucky, because within just a few minutes, I have been able to teach

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you how you should be. The Principle should become yours. You have to make it a part of you and live it.

This is how I read the Divine Principle. Consider what the essence of the Divine Principle is. It is responsibility. In the Principle of Creation, give and take action is nothing more than a responsible attitude between subject and object. The fall of man was man's violation of his responsibility in his give and take action with God, humankind, and creation. What man lost

was simply the proper give and take action needed to build an ideal world. This is very simple. Since I know the essence of this book, I can go through it from the Principle of Creation to the end in a second, and I can teach the essence of this book in five minutes. Within that time, you can receive what you need to grow.

This is like a 21-day conference in five minutes. But in 21 days you actually have 30,240 minutes. With so much time, you have the best opportunity to learn. These 21 days are all for you. This is God's grace and blessing. Therefore, I expect a lot from you.

A lot of people waste their time because they do not understand God and they do not want to live according to God's standard. But you should not waste even a second.

Do you think that the reason why I understand the Divine Principle is simply because I am in the lineage of the True Parents? No. I made my own effort 24 hours a day to understand it and to live it. Therefore, I do not need to speak all day to teach you the essence of the Divine Principle. I can teach you what is vital for your growth in just five minutes. I can even do this in seconds. In the same way, you have to have the Divine Principle in your heart and mind and live it every second of your life. Then you will be living a true life.

These 21 days have great significance. They are part of the timetable for the restoration of this part of the world, and they will establish the condition for this region to reach the perfection level of each of the three stages of growth. This 21-day course will bring total victory for this area, and it will be multiplied onto a worldwide level. That is how I see these 21 days. My prayer every day is that this spiritual victory may be spread out to touch the whole world.

Spiritual growth is in your hands

However, victory or defeat depends on what you do in this conference. If one person here is willing and determined to take responsibility for the dispensation in this region, and grows to the highest level of the completion stage within these 21 days, that one person will be able to influence this whole area. Should someone come from somewhere else to do this, or are you going to be responsible? On the national level, spiritual growth and development is solely in your hands. It depends on your heart and mind. Your arms, your legs, your eyes, your ears, and all of your five senses will carry out this task.

You have to understand that even though your schedule here seems to be very tough, it is set according to a heavenly

standard and has providential significance. Even though you may not be able to demonstrate the highest standard every day when you are back in your own countries, maintaining this standard here for just 21 days will surely be a victory for God and True Parents. That victory will benefit all mankind.

It is just a question of whether you want to experience that victory and be a part of it or only be a spectator and have nothing to do with it. That victory will remain forever in the heart of God, and it will surely be inherited. Nothing will be lost. The victory is here for you; you just have to take it. Even if some of you were to fall away in the future, the victory would surely be inherited by another person of God's choice.

Now that you understand the meaning of these 21 days, you can become a saint within this period. How? The answer is very clear and simple. God called Paul, who was even murdering Jesus' disciples, and in only three days, with Jesus' guidance, Paul could understand and devote himself totally to God. Paul told me, "Heung Jin Nim, I did my best, just as I still need to do my best. In just three days, I was able to understand God." I asked him, "What did you do that caused you to influence mankind so deeply?" He replied, "I gave myself absolutely to God for three days, and that became the foundation for Christianity."

Paul had only three days' training, but you have 21. So who has the greater potential to change the world, you or Paul? What a blessing these 21 days represent for you!

Be able to say you have grown

Jesus' own disciples did not prepare any record of their teacher's words, so Paul had to write what later became scripture himself, based on his experience during those three days. So what about you? Is there any reason why you would not also be

"Paul's Conversion on the Road to Damascus"



"From an extremely evil position, Paul came completely around to God's side. So you have absolutely no excuse for not changing."

able to understand God in three days? You have been given Heaven's viewpoint to help you understand God, and you even live with Him every day.

Paul was in possession of a certificate authorizing him to go and murder people. He already had a troop of soldiers with him. But from that extremely evil position, he came around completely to God's side. So you have absolutely no excuse for not changing. You are surrounded by heavenly evidence, so you also can change in less than three days. Even in three seconds or even in half a second you can change and become able to follow God's will. You have to be a perfect man. There is enough clear evidence for me to say that. If any one of you disagrees with that, you should come and see me and I will give you so much evidence that you will fall over backwards under the weight of it. However, it is up

to you whether or not you will change.

Do not waste time. Use your time wisely. Your days on earth are surely numbered. Do you want to stay at the same level for the rest of your life? A lot of people waste their time because they do not understand God and they do not want to live according to God's standard. But you should not waste even a second. Use every second you have. When that second has ticked by, you have to be able to say you have grown a bit more.

If you do not grow, you will die with nothing because your original mind and heart will be empty. In that case you would become an evil spiritual being; you would hardly be able to change at all. Your relationship with men here on earth would be extremely difficult. You would not have the Principle foundation to even relate to people on earth. Even Satan and evil spirits can only influence the world when they apply the Principle.

Among those in the spirit world, who can create a correlative base with a Principle-centered person on earth so that he can become ideal? Only a person who has the Principle already within him. Only those who understand the principle of ideal give and take can influence people on earth. Jesus has that influence. Paul has that influence. Today, all the saints have that influence because, despite their differences in intellectual and spiritual growth levels on earth, they all lived their lives according to the highest values they knew and demonstrated them before God.

God has called you

During this conference you will have a very tight schedule. But you will have incredible spiritual support because the Word is going to be given to you every day. After the conference, if you do not center on that incredible spiritual support throughout the rest of your life, you will be like a lost goat, wandering in the streets. Have you ever seen a goat? It just bleats and bleats and wanders aimlessly, destroying things. But truly God is giving you everything you need, just as He did for the chosen people. Now you are the chosen people. Each one of you must decide for yourself whether or not you will take what has been given to you. It is your decision.

God is found in everything. He exists inside you. Even though fallen man has an evil mind, he also has an original mind centered on God. That original mind contains ideal concepts and the concept of God, despite all the evil concepts of the evil mind through which Satan occupies man. Indeed, God is in man. So you do not have any excuse at all. There is no escape.

I could have tried to escape when I was faced with death, as I was in many different ways, but there was no way out except to go God's way.

Continue with your intense schedule. Kick your evil mind with this schedule. Hit it very hard! This is the first 21-day conference in this region to have such an intense schedule.

You must realize that you have been called by God. God is in you, so He can call you. He knows you because He is within you. God calls and predestines; then you have to fulfill your portion of responsibility. If you do that, God will justify and glorify you, and truly you will become a man of God.

Please take these 21 days and make them yours. Put them in

your heart and mind and just go with them—they are yours. Later, when you go back to your different countries, please do well.

Let us pray.

Our most beloved Heavenly Father, we see that indeed You have always existed within everything, despite the more than 40,000 years of tragic human history upon which we are standing today. Therefore, we pray that this 21-day conference will be a total victory, representing the perfection of the formation, growth, and completion stages.

We are dashing into the direct dominion as we fulfill our portion of responsibility. You have called these second selves and chosen ones here because You are a living God who exists within them, despite their ignorance, which brings destruction and death.

Heavenly Father, we cannot look for You anywhere else because You exist for man and within man. We

only have to see the substantial reality that exists within us. I pray that truly, within these 21 days, these second selves and chosen ones can look into their hearts and realize their commitment to Your Word. May they demonstrate their honesty and sincerity and their sense of justice, because where there is a will, there is a way. You have told us that man must fulfill his responsibility. Therefore, we have to strive twice as hard as we have been in order to fulfill our portion of responsibility and thereby fulfill Your will. This means man must establish himself, creating an ideal individual and an ideal family having dominion over all things.

I pray on this day for total hope, even if the fulfillment of Your ideal in these second selves and chosen ones is not completely visible now. They will surely recognize the reality within themselves, and they will surely know that they are surrounded by truth. There is no door to escape truth at all; not even for one day or one second.

Man is surrounded by complete truth now. Therefore, I pray that we can truly be second selves of Your heart.

We pledge to go forward and be responsible. Despite the difficulties, I will never retreat. Difficulties are even a source of hope for me, for the True Parents, and for the True Children. It is also a source of hope for You to establish the ideal world, the ideal Kingdom here on earth. There has already been a declaration of the ideal Kingdom of Heaven. But man has to see it and live it in a realistic and substantial form.

Each individual must find in himself his own ideal spirit and his own ideal body. Therefore, we pray that man can strive twice as hard as before to realize this goal on earth.

Heavenly Father, this world is Yours. Everything is Yours. We will surely bring everything back to You. Please do not worry; go ahead and relax and we will do our absolute best. We know that Your will exists within us, so we will make our very best effort to live up to Your expectations.

I dedicate this prayer to all mankind throughout the whole world and to everything You have created.

I offer this prayer in humility and gratitude in the name of our most beloved True Parents.

Amen. □

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“The Two Most Important People In Our Lives—Father and Mother”

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Good morning, everyone. You'll have to forgive me, I'm nervous. When I was asked to speak, I thought, "What can I tell my brothers and sisters that can inspire and encourage them?" I was thinking that if I were in your shoes, I would want to know more about the two most important people in our lives—Father and Mother.

When you think of Father and Mother, what comes to mind? Do you feel joy? Do you feel warmth? It's pretty amazing what they have accomplished and are still accomplishing in their lifetime, isn't it? Father and Mother have somehow touched every field of life. What makes Father and Mother able to relate to so many different kinds of people? What do they have that we all seek and want? Isn't it true love? And as sons and daughters of our True Parents, what do we hope to become? Like True Parents, right? Since we are all striving for the same thing—becoming like True Parents—I would like to tell you from my own experience what it is like living with our True Parents.

A life of total sacrifice

Father and Mother never really talk about their past sufferings or what happened in the early history of our church. Even we, the True Children, know only what we have been told by the

elder disciples—the 36, 72, and 120 Couples. So it is very vague to us what kinds of ordeals True Parents suffered in order to become the True Parents. But I can tell you from experience that whenever I see Father and Mother, they are always doing something for the sake of all of you and for the sake of the whole world. It might seem like a funny concept to you, but when I think of True Parents, I can't really picture them as my physical parents. They are of course tangible, yet in a sense quite intangible to me.

When you are young, you relate to your parents by what they do for you substantially. You want them to be with you and love you and give you things and compliment you and even scold you. It was difficult for us to understand that we had to share our parents with the whole world. The older we got, the more we realized that they came on earth to be the True Parents of all mankind.

Father and Mother have always led a sacrificial life for the sake of God's truth. Even when they are at home, instead of spending time with us, Father is either talking with members or playing pool with them or calling in elders and leaders to give them guidance. Whenever Sunday comes along, even though Father might be tired because he didn't come home until two in the morning, he is always willing to speak to you, to give to you, the members. There is no limit to his giving.

We can easily think of Father and Mother as incredibly magnificent and grand and powerful. They do have a lot of influence in this world, but even though we see them as such great people, I think we forget one thing: that they are at the same time the poorest human beings in this world. How can I say this? Because they do not live even one moment of their lives for their individual benefit or for the benefit of their own family.

When Father received the revelation at age 16, he gave up his own family, his own brothers and sisters whom he had grown up with. You naturally have a strong bond with your siblings that cannot easily break, yet Father was called and had to break that connection. More difficult than that, Father had to break the bond between himself and his parents. His mother came to see him in prison and begged him to stop his crazy life of preaching and dedicating himself to God, and to come back to his hometown where he was well respected. From a very

sacrifice these things, we forget the fact that he is actually just a man like anyone else, a man who has feelings and desires, a man who feels loneliness, frustration, and anger. Yet I can tell you from experience that I've never seen Father get angry for a personal reason; I've never seen him complain about his mission; and I've never seen him give up.

Every Sunday I watch Father pouring his heart out to you because he loves you so much and because he really knows that he needs to save this world and he doesn't want to see Heavenly Father suffer anymore. Every week Father says he will forgive us one more time, and he asks us to promise that from now on we *will* make a difference, we *will* bring results for God. And everybody raises his hand, including me, and yet the next time Father speaks to us, he says the same thing. It seems to be a never-ending cycle. Why is that?

I think we don't fully understand what Father is telling us. We take True Parents very much for granted. We think they

can just easily forgive us whenever we make a mistake. We, in the position of children, are always leaning on Father and Mother, needing them to forgive us. To parents, the most important thing is their children. Parents will love and care for and even die for their children. Yet if we really call ourselves the children of True Parents, why are we always hurting them and taking their forgiveness for granted? We must be willing to give our lives for them, as they have willingly been doing for us for so many years.

I'm not complaining about the fact that True Parents spend more time with the members than with their own children, but it's just a matter of the pain in my heart, as well as the pain in all of my brothers' and sisters' hearts, to see them working so hard for all

of you and loving you so much while all of us—even including the True Children too—are taking them for granted.

The suffering of True Mother

Because Father and Mother are never going to talk about themselves, I think we are the ones who really have to let the world know what kind of people True Parents are and be proud of them and represent them in the best way possible. I would like to talk a little bit about Mother. Mother's mother received a revelation that her daughter, True Mother, was to meet somebody very great. The Korean War was going on at that time, and they had to escape from North Korea, with True Mother holding onto Grandmother Han's back all the way down to South Korea. They somehow met Father in South Korea.

Mother never thought of Father as a potential spouse in any



Un Jin Nim greets the brothers and sisters as she begins her talk at Belvedere on May 22, 1988.

young age, many of Father's own classmates used to follow him around because he had a lot of charisma. Wherever he went, he could make friends easily. Yet he told his mother he would not come back, because he chose to lead this life, a life of suffering. From that time on, I think Father led a very lonely life because he no longer had his brothers and sisters and parents supporting him. He had no followers at that time, and the only one he really had was Heavenly Father—someone he could not even see or relate to with his five physical senses.

Why do we take True Parents for granted?

From such a young age, Father was willing to sacrifice himself for the sake of all mankind. That he was able to let go of everything that people need in order to survive, such as love, companionship, and normal amounts of food and sleep, makes it seem almost as if he were not human. Because he was able to



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way, and she certainly never expected to marry somebody who was more than 20 years older than she was. Mother related to us that when she looked at Father's face, she saw the face of her uncle, and because of that she was able to accept Father more easily. You can't imagine how difficult it must have been for a 17-year-old girl just coming into womanhood to marry someone more than twice her senior! That was pretty difficult and amazing in itself, but more incredible was the great persecution she endured following her marriage—unknown, I think, to all of you. There were many elder sisters in the church who had received revelations that they were to marry Father and become True Mother. They really believed this with all their hearts. When the real True Mother was chosen, nobody could believe it! They said, "Oh my God, she's only 18! She doesn't even know the Principle! What is she doing here!" They despised Mother. None of us can understand how much Mother persevered and how much she went through to achieve the position of True Mother.

Mother was not allowed to stay in the same room or use the same stairs as the other members. She could not stay with Father or even eat with him, and she could not see him whenever she wanted. When Father was giving lectures, or spending time with the members, she always had to sit in the back. She could never think about the conventional image of becoming a wife or a mother. The most painful thing was that she could not complain. That was her test. She had to indemnify what Eve had done 6,000 years ago.

I don't know if you can understand what that must have been like for her. Maybe the sisters can more readily connect to that because, as a woman, being in an object position, there are times when you are lonely and you need someone you can tell all your problems and your sufferings to, someone whose support can help you go on. But at that time, Mother did not have any children yet, and she could not even talk to her own mother whenever she wanted to. She was basically isolated from everyone, and nobody appreciated her. And when she had Ye

Jin Onni, she was even persecuted for having a girl first. In Oriental custom, especially in Korea, having a son is very important, because the son carries on the name of the father. Therefore, when Mother had a daughter first, everyone said that Mother was incompetent because she could not produce a son. For that, she was persecuted for two years. She could not be accepted by members or by anyone as True Mother because she had not made a foundation yet.

She had to go through this kind of suffering without a word of complaint basically until all of us were born. Then upon that foundation, she accomplished her position as True Mother. The saying is so true that behind every great man there is a great woman! How much True Parents went through together for the sake of mankind!

We can't use anything as an excuse

Father and Mother have already done what they have come to this earth to do. The only thing that is making them carry on is the fact that we still have not set a strong enough foundation for the whole world to accept Father and Mother. In other words, True Parents have to suffer more because we, as children of our True Parents, cannot become their pillars.

Did you ever stop to think how old Father is physically? Though we are much younger, we feel very tired sometimes. Yet Father and Mother never complain or use anything as an excuse not to do their mission. Somehow, one way or another, all of us seem to be able to justify ourselves if we don't feel like doing something. I'm talking about myself, too. Yet Father and

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Mother have never ever made an excuse not to do their mission. What I want to say to you is that all of us have absolutely no excuse for not being able to do our work. You cannot be tied down by your spouse or by your own children. Can't you see that those are all strings tying you down?

As human beings, we all have wants and desires. For sisters, it might be jewelry or nice clothes; brothers might wish they had a sporty car or even just a Volkswagen! Or maybe you'd like to have a nice suit, or to be some kind of a leader, or to be able to better support your family. If you have those human desires, then don't you think True Parents have desires too? You cannot put Father and Mother in a different category than we are; they're human beings, too; they have feelings! But what if Father and Mother got frustrated like all of us do? We can't even get along with our own brothers and sisters! We get frustrated, and maybe we don't like the food or we can't seem to get out of bed in the morning, or we're just upset. Yet Father and Mother have no excuse; they can't be that way. They have no outlet. Even at home in East Garden they have no private life. From 7 a.m. until 12 or 2 the following morning, Father is always up working. They've always led a public life. Even though you might think Father is living a life of luxury, you could take that all away from Father and it would not matter to him. In other words, he has absolutely nothing tying him down.



"Father and Mother have shown us the way to live by their daily lives. What are we waiting for? You can't ask them to give you anything greater than true love"—Father, Mother, Sun Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim and In Jin Nim at Belvedere several years ago.

The king and queen of true love

Right now Father is faced with the staggering problems of this world. How can we think about our own problems? You have to let go of a part of yourself to be a sacrificial person. When Father was in prison and had no food, do you think he ever cried out, "God, I'm starving! I'm going to die if I don't have more food!" or "Get me out of this cell; I'm innocent!" He couldn't be what he is today if he had done that. Instead, you hear testimonies of how Father gave away the little food that he got, keeping just a mouthful to survive, and how he was grateful for that little amount. I don't think we can understand how much a man's pride must be taken away by being put into a cell, and not only once, but many times. And yet, True Parents never ever complained or hated anyone. They personify true love. That is why so many great, influential people in the world are bowing down to Father.

I think many of you may be going through a "mid-life crisis," where you feel, "I've spent 10 years in the church doing the same thing year after year. It seems like I've been going around in circles and not getting anywhere." We have all felt that. Yet I think we are forgetting that we are looking at our situation based on our five physical senses. I think we're looking at something so small—our own materialistic, self-centered desires—that we forget that True Parents have actually given us the biggest and most precious gift that human beings could hope for. We're neglecting the fact that there is a spirit world and that Father and Mother are the king and queen of true love in the spirit world. We're neglecting the fact that Parents are always here to forgive us. Power, money, and materialistic things will all fade away, yet true love remains forever.

If only you understood that in the spirit world there is no gray, only black and white! You can't "kind of" be members, or "kind of" understand the Principle but not live by it. There is no mercy in the spirit world, no matter who you are. If there were an easier way, I guarantee that Father and Mother would have shown it to us. We all have to do our five percent responsibility. They cannot help us with that; it is something that we, as individuals, must accomplish and fulfill by ourselves.

Actually, Father and Mother have given us all the tools we need in order to save this world; they have shown us the way to live by their daily lives. What are we waiting for? You can't ask them to give you anything greater than true love. With that as our weapon, we can win over this world. We can, in Father and Mother's lifetime, bring about a Kingdom of Heaven on earth. I realize that sometimes our physical body hinders us from being able to do our mission, yet we have to look beyond our own suffering. No matter how difficult our situation might be or how impossible our goals seem, if we can hold on to the fact that Heavenly Father is on our side and that we have the greatest weapon in all of this universe, then there should be absolutely nothing holding us back. This is not only Father and Mother's battle; it is also our battle. We cannot expect Father

and Mother to do any more for us than they have already done.

I just hope that we can all come to Father's speech next time with some kind of a small accomplishment—something we can offer to our True Parents from the bottom of our hearts. We all owe Parents our lives, because there is absolutely no hope without True Parents, and I think the longer that you live in this world, the more you can see this.

Don't you want to do the most for America?

As I look around here, I see more Oriental faces than American faces. I don't know if you Americans can see how sad this fact really is. This is your country, your so-called fatherland, is it not? It is something that you are a part of; it is your heritage, it is your land, yet you have foreigners working here to save your country. I find that kind of ironic! I would presume that, as Americans, you would want to do the most for your land, more than any foreigner. If you truly love America and believe in it and want to save it, you need to be an example to everyone

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else. Americans believe in democracy and equality, yet how can Americans say that this land belongs to them because they love this land more than anyone else? The American government and people have treated the ones who truly love this land the most—the True Parents—as if they were the worst criminals. I don't see any equality or righteousness or justice in that.

I don't think you realize just how much Father and Mother really, really love all of you. I think maybe I'm a little jealous because, at a younger age, I could not understand why they were giving so much to the members. Now I really see how great Parents are, because they love all of you more than their own family.

I'm pouring out my heart to you, begging you to please help our Parents, if not because you love them, then for the fact that they are the only people who can save this world. You cannot just sit and be idle. If you love your own children, you must do it for them, because if you don't, they will have to. If you leave the church, you will never be the same people again, because you have heard the truth—that is how powerful the Principle is. You cannot run away from it as long as you live.

Heavenly Father must be so frustrated that He must sometimes feel like condemning all of us, yet Father and Mother are intervening with Him, because they believe in this world, because they believe in all of you, because they are our True Parents. If we had realized who True Parents actually are, we would have accomplished much more.

Find happiness and joy in your mission

Father asked me to learn horseback riding, so riding is my mission right now. I don't think I would ever do this if it were just for myself. If you judge what I'm doing as if it were based upon my own desire, I think I would resent you for that, because what I do only reflects Father and Mother's desire for me. In other words, if I am doing something, my whole family is doing it with me, in a sense. As a True Family, we all work together based on true love, and you cannot exclude one from the other. You can't say that one of us is great but the others aren't.

If I think about what I am doing just in its physical aspect, I ask myself, "Why am I doing something so strenuously difficult?" Many times I want to quit; many times I feel it's impossible to go into the Olympics and make a respectable showing. But when I see what I am doing as having importance beyond this physical world, then I no longer feel tired. My mission then means something, and it becomes a mission I enjoy doing.

The same should hold true for all of you. It's not as if what I'm doing is more important than what you're doing. Please go back to your missions with hope and with pride in what you're living and fighting for, and do the best you can. It doesn't mean you will see results in a week; but even if it takes years, please don't let go of that hope and that pride. If you really live this way, you will find happiness and joy and gratification in what you are doing. And I don't want to hear any of you saying you aren't important, because we are all sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

In your daily life, it doesn't matter what position you hold. You are all important in what you do. If this world were based on true love, it would not matter what position a person held. So please don't complain or feel that you are nothing. You are all very beautiful, precious, and important people in God's eyes, and you all hold the key to saving this world. You must use that key! You cannot be depressed and let these physical five senses hold you down from doing what you're supposed to do and what your future generations and your ancestors want you to do.

Once again, I would like to ask you to promise me that you will all commit your lives to building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth while True Parents are still alive and to bring them some kind of joy, because we at least owe them that. All of you who are willing to go about your mission from this moment,

from this day, to bring about such a reality, please raise your hand. Thank you.

Un Jin Nim prays (with tears):

Our most beloved Heavenly Father, I am so sorry that I have not been able to truly express Your heart in talking about our True Parents. Something that seems so simple is yet so difficult because there is no limit to the depth of True Parents. With every day we hope and strive to come closer to our True Parents, yet sometimes it seems so impossible. Father has laid in front of us the Kingdom of Heaven, yet many times because of our physical limitations and because of our own failures, the goal seems so difficult. Please understand that in our hearts, we want so much to bring about a Kingdom of Heaven on earth and to bring You happiness, Heavenly Father.

You have been suffering for so many years and never felt love. We only hope and pray that with each coming day we can do more, and we can strive harder to become more like You, to become the true sons and daughters that You have wanted us to become since the beginning of time.

Even though our True Parents are not here with us today, we know they are here with us in spirit. And even when they are not living in this physical world any more, we know that



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they will always be here for as long as eternity lasts. We really do have the two greatest people on earth. We really do have a true Messiah. We only hope and pray that as we go on to our separate missions, we can bring about some kind of a victory for You, that we can somehow uphold Your name, and that we can somehow become people You can be proud of.

We thank You so much for being so patient with us, for forgiving us, for still loving us. When all else fails, we know that You will always be there by our side. We thank You so much for all the blessings You have given to us.

Today, on this 100-day celebration of Shin Gil Nim's birth, we pray all these things in the name of our most beloved True Parents.

Amen. □

UTS GRADUATION 1988

June 30, 1988

Commencement exercises for the 12th class of the Unification Theological Seminary were held at Barrytown on June 30, 1988. Thirty-three students graduated from the Religious Education Program and 14 from the Divinity Program. Father expressed his commitment to and hope for the 47 students both through his Commencement Address, delivered in his absence by President David S. C. Kim, and in an intimate talk given to the graduates on the day before the ceremony. [See following article.]

In his Commencement Address Father emphasized how necessary it was for the future well-being of America that the graduates "revive the 'original America' in the founding fathers' spirit of the Judeo-Christian heritage in this country. You must be dedicated to the remaking of individuals, communities, this nation, and the world according to the original ideals of God."

He went on:

"First of all, in order to find the true love, happiness, and peace desired by our original minds, you must plunge yourselves into this troubled world and work there for God. You do this by sacrificing yourselves through total investment and commitment. Perseverance, self-sacrifice, and the road of suffering and pain are the only ways to bring success in your responsibility as religious leaders.

"Practical restoration"

"Secondly, you not only give help and service to others in an unconditional way, but by this path of living sacrifice you will inherit the course of 'Messiahship,' becoming small Messiahs in your homes and communities. . . .

"Thirdly, you must educate and guide people to not only believe in God's will, but to live it in their everyday lives. We must develop a 'practical application' movement. . . .

"Your sacred mission is to educate others to become your successors. This means educating a second generation who will be heirs of the coming ideal world, thus ensuring that God's will continues after you. Your success will not be

complete if you have no successors to take over your mission. Therefore, your special effort must be to guide and raise up a second generation in your lifetime.

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newed, not just through a spiritual revolution, but through action concerned with applying God's will to the practical solution of its problems. If you accomplish this task, you graduates will become the pride of both your Unification movement and your nation. You will not

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President and Mrs. David S.C. Kim enjoy a hilarious skit performed by the students at the closing banquet on Graduation Day.



For any institution of higher learning in New York State, the first

THE BATTLE FOR ACCREDITATION

step in becoming accredited—that is, having official sanction to grant academic degrees—is to obtain a charter from the New York State Board of Regents. UTS applied for a charter during its very first year of operation, 1975-1976, but this was denied at the beginning of 1978. The Seminary reapplied, and finally, in November 1986, the Board of Regents granted UTS a provisional charter, which took effect on January 2, 1987.

Once a charter is obtained, a school must be evaluated by its peers in order to be offi-

cially accredited. In October 1987, UTS applied for evaluation to the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), a voluntary association of educational institutions. According to MSA's requirements,

"Accredited status constitutes a statement to the general public that an institution has clearly defined and appropriate educational objectives, has established conditions under which their achievement can reasonably be expected, appears in fact to be accomplishing them substantially, and is so organized,

staffed, and supported that it can be expected to continue to do so. . . ."

In a letter to President David S.C. Kim, the MSA agreed on June 22-23, 1988, to grant Candidate for Accreditation status to the Unification Theological Seminary. During the candidacy period, the Seminary will file semi-annual interim reports to the MSA, and following their submission UTS will receive visits by an appointed consultant of the MSA Commission. The Seminary will undertake a self-study, be evaluated, and receive an accreditation decision within six years of admission to candidacy. □



Forty-seven students graduated from the Unification Theological Seminary on June 30, 1988

be simply ministers, leading secluded lives, but men and women who will save this nation and world according to God's will and plan for restoration.

"Have confidence and put all your energy into bringing about God's ideal, never abandoning the heart of God, who desires to accomplish His will through you."

"One step forward"

UTS President David S.C. Kim then presented his remarks:

"In providential history, there were just a few individuals—figures like Abraham, Moses, and Jesus—who were eventually responsible for leading millions of people to God. So from God's point of view, quality is more important than quantity. . . .

"I wish to point out that after you graduate you will *not* have to worry about what you are going to do. You are automatically "hired" already, without having to go through any intensive, competitive struggle or search to find a job. In this way, I congratulate you on your 'full employment!'"

Graduate Nico Wealer included these words in his response:

"Rev. Moon has taught us that the purpose of education is not to enable us to earn a living, but instead to shape a life of goodness. The purpose of education is the 'marriage of life,' the unity and balance between thought and

action.

"We need to remember the source, but we must also appreciate our faculty of noble individuals. It is not an easy task to establish a school of academic excellence, a center for ecumenism and interfaith activities, and an institution of higher learning that teaches and preserves the very ideals that have guided and shaped civilization."

Of the 47 graduates, 19 were from the

United States, 17 from Japan, four from England, two from West Germany, and one each from New Zealand, Portugal, Africa, Taiwan, and Luxembourg. During the summer, 35 will be participating in Ocean Challenge in Gloucester, Massachusetts, while the other 12 will be witnessing in upstate New York, as part of a 40-day leadership training program.

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—Victoria Clevenger



On the day after graduation, President and Mrs. Kim hold one of their traditional outdoor morning chats with the students.

"THE PROVIDENTIAL TIMETABLE DOESN'T STAND STILL"



Knowing he would not be able to speak at the commencement, True Father, accompanied by Mother and some of the True Children, made a special visit to UTS the day before graduation to share with the graduates in his dining room at the Seminary.

Translator: Mr. Peter Kim

Our motto "The Unification of the Fatherland," has been in effect for several years. But no one laid a foundation for the motto to happen, so I had to go back to Korea and lead the people to make a foundation for the reunification of the South and North. Korea is the third Israel, so it needs to be restored. No one there understands this except the people who are spiritually open.

Because not even the political leaders in Korea shared my vision about the country, I had to become the "front-runner." Someone has to lay the foundation for the reunification of South and North Korea because that small nation is the center point of worldwide restoration and is the country that connects the spiritual and physical worlds on earth. You know from the Principle that without the fall there would have been an ideal Adam and Eve, ideal tribes, an ideal nation, and an ideal world. But because of the fall, everything went down the drain. I have been working to bring back the ideal; the only way to do that is to restore the world.

Tomorrow is the 12th UTS graduation. If you had done a good job of witnessing in the past, perhaps 120 students would be graduating tomorrow instead of 47. So you have to understand what kind of mistakes you have made. From now on, we must think in terms of even 500 graduates each year.

Synopsis of Father's Speech to the 1988 UTS Graduates

*edited from unofficial notes
June 29, 1988 Barrytown*

The providential timetable doesn't stand still, so we have to catch up with the time lost. You know that the education of 7,000 ministers in Korea will soon be over. That project was not an easy task, but it was truly a historical event. Just think about it: Germany, England, and America have been the central countries of Christian culture for the last 1000 years, and Korea's Christian history is only 120 years old. Yet think of what a wonderful miracle has taken place! Seven thousand American Christian ministers visited and came to respect the tiny nation of Korea!

When the ministers first received their Divine Principle tapes and books, many of them threw them away. Yet since the 7,000 have come back from Korea, many ministers are showing more interest and are starting to watch their tapes and read their books. More and more Christian ministers are saying they want to visit Korea. This is an indication that, without telling anyone, they have been studying their tapes and listening to the ministers who have come back from Korea.

Recently, the Unification Church leadership was restructured, especially involving the Ph.D.'s and UTS graduates, in order to utilize their education and knowledge for the front-line work of the movement. What kind of front line? This time your front-line missions will be your hometowns. In common religious practice, missionaries leave their hometowns and go out into the world. But this is the time I am sending you *back* to your hometowns. This is a precious time.

When you go back to your hometowns, you can utilize our entire movement: CAUSA, PWPA, ICC, CARP, etc., for your restoration work. The foundations of these organizations are substantial, and you should connect with and work with them, helping them to reach not only your families but people from the Christian communities, patriotic conservatives, and retired military personnel and veterans.

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT LOVE?

What is love? Is love a concept, or is it a reality? Of course, love is a reality. When you love someone, it's not just a concept; all your five physical senses are invested, and love becomes substantial. In the material world, there is a physical law that requires the input to be greater than the output. But in true love, the output is bigger than the input! Love in the spiritual world takes a superior position to love in the physical world, but when you are serious about seeking after true love, your five physical senses become united into one.

God has a mind and body just like human beings; so is true love in God different than or the same as the true love in men and women? It's the same true love. God is our "vertical True Parents"; that means God is the original heart. True love is like a tuning fork in resonance. Within the spiritual and physical worlds, if you strike one world with true love, the other world will resonate with the same sound. Who is the center of true love? God. God has the right equipment that strikes the true love sound, and on earth the first to resonate with that sound are the True Parents.

How much do you need love? You need love more than you need the universe and more than you need True Parents—you need it that much. Why are human beings born needing love? One of the most famous sayings in Korea is, "Man is the most important creature in the world." Why? Well, God created true love for the entire cosmos, not for Himself, and humankind is originally born as a product of that true love. True love existed as the essence of God in the beginning before the creation, so because we are originally from that true love, we are above everything else that is on the earth.

Where would God—the parents of true love in the spiritual world—and True Parents—the parents of true love in the physical world—meet to become one? The cosmos is so huge, you have to find a point where the two can meet. Where is it? Nobody knows the answer?

There is only one meeting point between God and a man and a woman, only one central point where the vertical true love from God meets with the horizontal true love of a man and a woman. Wouldn't a man and a woman have to move to the center towards God at the same speed in order to connect in the middle at the same time? If one moves faster than the other, they would fight, wouldn't they? This is a very serious question. Think about it.

THE THREE-WAY PATH

If you don't understand this concept, you will be left out, even if you are UTS graduates. There are former Seminary graduates floating all around who still do not understand this truth about true love. We must all understand the Unification three-way path in order to be united in one point. This is the fundamental key to all problems and questions. If we don't make this point really clear to all members, there could be a division in our movement.

A man lives only for the sake of a woman, and a woman lives only for the sake of a man. Mankind lives for the sake of God, and God lives for the sake of mankind. The man cannot aggressively grab the central true love point for himself. Neither can the woman. Of course, if a man grabs the true love point before the woman, but he is doing it for the sake of the woman and to achieve the perfection of true love, that's okay. The great truth here is to get rid of self-centered thinking. If you grab the true love point for the sake of your spouse and God, then you will gain them both. But if you insist on staying self-centered, you will lose both your spouse and God.

Everything should follow the Principle; from that will come the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Don't throw this precious truth away. It's not only for use in the religious world, but it is for practical use also. If a man wants to find true love, he absolutely needs a woman, and the most important need for a woman in her life is finding a man. If women don't have husbands, how can they have children?

In today's modern America, do women really appreciate the

value of men? Modern men and women do not understand the eternal value of each other. You must see your spouse as your "second God," inviting him or her to reach true love. Do people need to be married twice or three times? No! God will have a severe punishment for those lost Americans who don't understand this. God's true law is: one man and one woman forever—that's all. Are a woman's breasts for the sake of herself? No, they are for the sake of her babies. Are women's and men's organs for the sake of themselves? No! They are for the sake of each other in true love.

Can the American people enjoy their lives in their own way? No! America will automatically decline and die if it does not obey the Principle. You have to know this, and you have to care about others and teach them. Man and woman were born for only one relationship, not many. This is the true love law that you must live by. Otherwise there is no hope.

No one teaches a sparrow how to build a nest, yet a sparrow in Korea will build the same nest as a sparrow in America. Think about the salmon. After it goes to the ocean, it will travel 7,000 miles to return to the place where it was born. Then it sacrifices its own body for the sake of the next generation. But man, who has the highest intelligence, doesn't even know what kind of life he should live—how shameful!

Will you go into the world and become true husbands and true wives? It will take a revolution for you to completely do that.

I WANT TO SUPPORT YOU

After parents raise their children, they stand behind them and push them forward. True Parents have been always standing in front, paving the way and guiding you, but now I want to stand behind you and support you. The reason is that if on a horizontal line I kept "pushing" you and you were to stop or hesitate, the line would crumble. If you had accepted that push when you were younger spiritually, then a great foundation could have been made by now.

True love can never be lost if Heavenly Father and True Parents keep on pushing the Unification Church. But the outside world has been pushing you in the opposite direction. In a way, persecution is good for us, right? When I do something good here in this country and America persecutes me, then I can advance much further. So is persecution good or bad? The reason I accepted going to prison without protest was that I knew this secret, this paradox, of persecution. Those who used to persecute me are now humbling themselves to me and respecting me.

There is a great deal of spiritual phenomena taking place in the Soviet Union and other communist countries right now; this is a good indication of world progress toward restoration. We can see what's happening in Korea also. The 1988 Olympics are taking place there, and people are busy paying attention to all the participating athletes, but there are religious phenomena going on there also. There has to be a religious focus to the reunification of Korea. Do you understand this deeply?

June 1988 is a culminating point in history. I am opening the Heavenly Kingdom wide open. I have been paying indemnity for the last 43 years. Now I am giving you the instructions to go back to your hometown and establish your course there. Up to this point you have needed a Messiah, but when you go to your hometown you will become the leader. Once we restore our hometowns, then the whole nation will be restored. □

CAMPUS MINISTRY AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA

by Amy Cuhel Schuckers

The two-day period of April 4-5, 1988, was a historic time for the three-year graduates of the Unification Theological Seminary. For the first time Father specifically called Divinity graduates along with other leaders to meet with him at East Garden just before his departure for Korea. Those who arrived early on April 4 had a special opportunity to play pool with him (reminiscent of the days at UTS). He had quite a string of challengers lined up, all of whom he beat soundly.

When he began speaking later in the day, his frank message reflected the hope and expectation he had for the graduates--those that he had taken off the front line to educate for the sake of the future victory--as well as his disappointment with the path we have been following. He showed throughout his speech how thoroughly he has been planning for the eventual time when Americans will lead other Americans. He also expressed how disappointed he was that we have been unable to thus far rise to the standard needed. At 2:00 am, when he finished his speech for the

night, he asked us to seriously repent for our lack of seriousness.

His strong speech on the first night was tempered by his assurance the next morning that through his chastisement he had thwarted Satan's right to attack us. At the same time he brought everyone into a stronger unity. At the end of his speech he spoke particularly to the Divinity graduates and called them to the specific task of campus ministry in order to save the second generation of young people in America. [See following article.]

Dr. Mose Durst, president of the Unification Church of America, and Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, the national director of CARP, were asked to be the directors of this new joint project. Their task is to serve, lead, and guide the Divinity graduates in the fulfillment of this responsibility, and to coordinate with other departmental leaders in order to utilize the existing foundation of our movement in support of campus ministry.

In responding to Father's direction, Dr. Durst and Dr. Seuk met later in the day on April 5 to begin plans as to how

to substantiate Father's vision. They established the Unification Campus Ministers Fellowship (UCMF), which would be a vehicle to connect the Divinity graduates with the other Unification campus ministers who have already been working through the CARP foundation.

All Divinity graduates who were unable to meet with Father on April 4-5 were invited to a meeting in New York on April 10. There, both Dr. Durst and Dr. Seuk shared Father's message and their hope for campus ministry. In addition, CARP members who had already established themselves as campus ministers shared some of their testimonies and experiences in getting established on their campuses.

A conference was planned immediately and was held on June 6 at New York University. The conference was designed as both an ecumenical activity for campus ministers of other denominations and an opportunity to nurture and orient the newly called Unification campus ministers. Entitled "Empowering the Spirit: Campus Ministry and the Future of America," the conference was well attended by about 70 people, who were addressed by a panel of impressive speakers.

In his welcoming remarks to the participants, Dr. Durst commented about the need for spiritual guidance for our young people who exist in a society vacant of values on every level. He referred to several current works--specifically Allan Bloom's *The Closing of the American Mind*, Robert Bellah's *Habits of the Heart*, and Richard Neuhaus's *The Naked Public Square*--that elucidate the tragedy of the lack of values in every area of our society.

Need for a new vision

Dr. Seuk, in his opening address, outlined the history of campus ministry. He spoke of the need for a new vision for campus ministry, which has lost sight of its original purpose, and he called for a



Divinity graduates and guests attend the first conference of the Unification Campus Ministers Fellowship on June 6, 1988.

unity among campus ministers that would transcend denominationalism, race, culture, and background in order to save young people in America and in the world.

The keynote address, entitled "Campus Ministry and the Future of America," was given by Dr. Ernest Gordon. Dr. Gordon was dean of the Chapel at Princeton University for 26 years and is the author of several books. He is also president of the Christian Rescue Effort for the Emancipation of Dissidents (CREED). Dean Gordon traced the history of the relationship between the university and the church up to the present time, noting that, as Kierkegaard expressed, culture or civilization "is the product or consequence of a creative tension between church and university." He reminded us that "all of the academic institutions in this country grew out of the church, out of the church in its relationship with the university." The battle in today's society, then, is to "find ways of encouraging the university to form its moral authority once again, and it can only do so in relation to Christianity and its moral dynamic."

Dr. Joseph Paige, vice-president of Shaw Divinity School, followed with a talk on "The Role of the Seminary in the Education of Value." He stressed that "the challenge of the seminary is to produce graduates with competency to move and practice in the real world. We need people who can teach, who can preach, and who can pray." But "when it comes to the real world, we have a lot missing." We need to do less "God-

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talking" and more "God-walking."

A lunchtime address was given by Rev. James Bevel, executive director and co-founder of Students for Education and Economic Development (SEED). His topic concerned "The Campus Minister as the Campus Role Model." He called on those present to "stop working on being socially accepted," to "get over working on economic security," and to "go to the campuses and help somebody." The message to be preached is "the liberation of the peo-

ple of the earth and the salvation of America."

After a lively panel discussion, in which the panelists and participants discussed the topic "Strategies for Overcoming Secularism in Academia," the final speaker of the day, Rev. Dr. Hilton White, professor of sociology and public administration and chaplain of Med-

other mission they already have. Divinity graduates are working throughout the Unification movement as regional coordinators, state leaders, city leaders, CARP leaders, and Ocean Church leaders. They are at CAUSA, UTS, IRF, ICC, IRFF, ICUSA, and ISC. Some are also working at *The World & I* magazine, in business, and in home church. These



Dr. Mose Durst speaks on our young people's need for direction in a society vacant of values.

gar Evers College, CUNY, spoke about "Linking the Campus and the Community: Harnessing Student Idealism in Community Service." Drawing upon his long experience as a campus minister and his expertise in administration, he outlined the dynamics of what he calls POLE: "Plan, Organize, Lead and Evaluate." He stressed that campus ministers can't just work on some hunch. In order

for "campus ministry to be meaningful for the students and to have them relate to the environment, then you need to do some planning," because "success only comes when you plan with deliberateness."

Challenges and the future

One of the biggest challenges that the three-year Divinity graduates face is that Father gave them the responsibility of working on the university as a campus minister in addition to whatever

are all missions that already require a full-time investment. Yet Father, knowing that, called them to take on even greater responsibility.

The future is in our hands. Campus ministers have the special opportunity to guide, lead, and raise up a generation of young people who will be the future leaders of our nation and world. Not only here, but in Korea as well, the university community and campus ministers influence all of society.

Through campus ministry, then, not only can students be influenced but other campus ministers, as well as university presidents, administrators, and professors, can be supported and strengthened in their mission of educating the next generation. The university can ultimately be called to fulfill its central role as the heart, mind, and future hope of society. □

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"NOW YOU MUST STAND IN MY PLACE"

Excerpts from Father's Speech to the Divinity Graduates

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Now you must stand in my place with my determination and stay on center without being moved or swayed. You must have a strong and bold mind; heaven will protect you. Be on the offensive, not the defensive. Fifty states is a small number; so stir up all four corners of America. You must be thinking about how you can lead the United States to wake up and follow this way. You are the principled people. The position and stature of the people of the Unification mission is wonderful. To join and stay here was a smart move on your part, wasn't it?

You must maintain a determined mind all the time. I have done it for 40 years, so you must go one more step. This is 1988; this is the time. I have set all the indemnity conditions, so how to bring the final victory is the question. Now the time has come for Satan's mouth to close. Nobody will be able to freely do satanic acts anymore. In people's original minds, they know they have to follow us. If all the members of the Unification Church make that decision, that commitment, then Satan cannot stand. Satan will not be able to come back. We must press on and press down Satan's foundation so that even government leaders will have to follow God's authority. Keep that foundation so that you can lead others in a righteous direction. Make up your mind, because now is the time when the world's situation can be cleaned up. First you must clean up your own concepts.

Looking back, you can see there is not really very much that you did well so far. In fact, in almost everything, we didn't do well. We will try to erase that shame by working hard this coming year. In just one year, we will work so hard that we will offset all the things that we didn't do right in the past.

The reason why I fought so hard in this country, even going to Danbury, was because I had hope in you--the state leaders and CARP leaders and three-year UTS graduates. For you, I went to Danbury. You are the leadership; you will be the ones who will be left in America. You are God's remaining hope in the Unification Church. This is your time now; you are in charge instead of me. You are small Sun Myung Moons. In each state, in each domain you are working, you yourselves are the leaders. You must take the responsibility for America directly.

Remember this, and be confident you can do that. I established the indemnity condition, so now you are in the position to love your own second generation; that means the second generation of America. I have never been able to love my own people, my own clan, my own relatives, my own elder brothers, because the time was not right. But now the time has come.

How do you think we can cope with North Korea? I knew when I was younger, living with my family, that I could not

teach them at that time. Now, I have done my mission. Now is the time to report to my ancestors. It is time to declare the unification of the country. That is my mission now, so that God can receive the dedication of the nation of Korea. This is my culminating mission. America and Japan should help in fulfilling this.

How can you pay back your indebtedness? By serving the Korean people, not me. This is the most precious goal of history. God has been wanting this for a long, long time. Many mistakes have been made in history, as we

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have seen in the repetitive cycles of history. God has been in a miserable situation. This is the time to make the offering of a united Korea on the altar of the whole earth. True Parents will do this.

I have been in a serious situation my whole life. If we let go of our determination, our unity will dissipate and Satan will invade.

You three-year seminary graduates would do well as state leaders, but more importantly, you should witness to the second generation in America. Because the second generation is in the Abel position, they belong to God. The highest-level people of the second generation are at the universities. We must witness

to them. Tell the other members too.

I am proclaiming to all you three-year seminary graduates that you should go onto the college campuses and begin a campus ministry and influence other campus ministers. Seven thousand American ministers have already been educated in Korea; all the church leaders in America have received the Divine Principle videotapes. You know more theology than the ministers do. It will be no problem, no problem at all. You stand on a very high level. They can't explain God's situation, but you can. Based on your high level of education, go and meet them. For example, get a position on the Board of Directors of your university. You must witness to that high level of people. Why have you kept your mouth shut? You must teach them. It is your duty. Have confidence and be bold and strong. My mission has been the whole world, so now you should be responsible for one small area, such as a university.

Clearly, I have done my work. Can you do it or not? You know more about this culture than I do. I am not American. You should know more than I do and do more than I do. Can you do it or not?

How long do you plan to take? I will wait six months and see how well you are doing. You will have leadership from Dr. Seuk and Dr. Durst. Three-year seminary graduates are very qualified as ministers. Can you promise me? Those who feel confident, raise your hands. Let us pray. □

The edited version of Father's entire speech appeared in our June 1988 issue.

LOVING FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW

by Rev. Ken Sudo

From a sermon given at the National Headquarters Chapel in New York
on Sunday, February 7, 1988

Scripture reading: I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging symbol. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Today's topic is "Loving from God's Point of View." Sometimes when we look at ourselves, we might become tired of ourselves, thinking, "Why is it so difficult for me to change?" Sometimes we are not so sure anymore if God loves us or not. A man may hate himself and his situation to the extent that he wants to kill himself. I think it must be a very difficult thing to kill another person. To kill oneself must be much harder, but people do it. Yet even though you may hate yourself, God doesn't hate you. If you really think about it, it's certain that God loves everyone.

When a person is standing on the edge of a cliff trying to kill himself, God, the anguished parent, cries, "My son, don't do that!" But when the man actually jumps into the ocean from the cliff and dies, from that point, God's suffering becomes even deeper. He hears the

voice of His son crying for God from the depths of hell. When He listens to that voice, His heart is tormented, and He can never get it out of His mind. Day and night He tries to find a way to reach out to that person's spirit and take his

hand so He can finally pull him out of the pit and embrace His son with tears.

Seeing Jesus in a leper

How is it possible for God to be this way? You all know who Mother Teresa is, don't you? When she started her ministry in India in the city of Calcutta, she saw many people dying of leprosy. One day she was walking in the street and saw a man with leprosy lying in the gutter. Because his disease was so advanced, he smelled bad, his hands and legs were rotten, maybe even his nose and ears had rotted off, and a lot of flies were swarming around him. Our first response might have been to turn away. Maybe she experienced the same revulsion, but all of a sudden she felt a completely different force driving her toward that man. Impelled by that spirit, she went to him. Looking into the dying man's eyes, she saw Jesus. She hugged and embraced this man and took him in and cared for him.

Mother Teresa saw that dying man with God's eyes. That force moving her heart of love was much stronger than the disgusting feeling that came from seeing his rotting flesh and smelling the bad smell. She was able to physically reach out and embrace him. That's God's love. God could see His own image in the dying man's eyes through Mother Teresa.

Sin must be so dirty, so smelly, in God's eyes. When God sees us sinners, surely He can perceive the stinking smell of sin, of death. But why didn't He give up on me when I was committing sin? If He had forsaken me, I would not be here; none of us would be here. The fact that we are here means that, no matter how sinful or dirty we have been in God's eyes, He has never given up on us.



Mother Teresa

A brother I knew once told me this testimony. Just before he met the church, his spiritual senses were partially opened and he could see the spirit world. He told me that one day he met with his boss, an executive of a big construction company. Externally, the man was a very capable person and very dignified, but his internal life was dirty and corrupt, especially in his relationships with women. When this young brother looked at his boss, his body looked like rotten flesh, and a snake was twisted around him. He was so scared! Right after that, he quit his job and joined the church. Later he was witnessing on the streets of Tokyo, where many young women were walking, dressed very beautifully. However, he could see the dirtiness of their spirits. He told me, "It's not so good to be spiritually open, because if you can actually see the spirits of the people, you can't even bear to walk in the streets of Tokyo."

God's image within us

In God's eyes, even if people externally look very beautiful, their lives are often spiritually dirty. Their spirits stink so badly. God smells this much more than we can, but still He never gives up. He believes in us. We don't know how many hundreds of thousands of years God has been trying to raise mankind up—yet He keeps waiting and waiting for us. We can't count how many times we have rebelled against Him, and still He never turns away. Why? Because He knows one thing: "No matter how terrible my sons and daughters are, no matter how dirty and smelly they are, my own image is buried deep in their hearts. It is covered by sin, with spiritual leprosy, but I still see my own image in their eyes. That's why I keep calling and calling and calling." That is God's tragic testimony.

When Adam and Eve committed sin, the beautiful relationship between God and man was cut, and God could never have a fulfilling experience with His own children since that time. As we know, family breakdown is a big problem in this society. It's the cause of all kinds of troubles—AIDS, suicide, promiscuity, crime. But all this family breakdown ultimately came from the

breakdown of the first family of God. The servant whom God trusted seduced and corrupted His loving daughter. And that's just the beginning. Then Eve's son killed his younger brother, and innocent blood was shed. From the very beginning, tragedy engulfed God's family.

Since that time, it has been impossible to have truly happy families on the earth. God never experienced a happy family life as Father God and Mother God, as happy parents. The only happy

cannot see us, He firmly believes that His own image is deep inside us. Can we see God's image within ourselves? Can we see God's nature within our brothers and sisters? Can we see the nature of God even within the heart of a prostitute?

"My daughter, come with me"

Several years ago, I helped organize a fundraising trip with 30 or 40 people for 40 days. During that time a sister re-



In embarking on his new mission as national IW, Rev. Ken Sudo, former regional coordinator of Region 11, was honored with a farewell party at Belvedere on July 19, 1988.

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time God experienced in the entire history of the human race was when His son and daughter were young, and that

feeling remains in His heart. "I loved them. They responded to me. My heart quivered to see my little boy and my little girl. They are dead, but still I

cannot forget that beautiful experience I had with them." That joy is still deep in the heart of God. It's the reason God cannot forget about us. He wants to completely restore the joy He once felt with His children.

Loving from God's point of view means to have the same depth of feeling inside of us that God has. In order to inherit that kind of love, we have to understand clearly God's point of view, and His way of loving people. Even though we are covered with sin and He

ported to me an experience she had. A prostitute had come up to her and asked her if she could get some flowers. The sister was astonished and said, "You like flowers?" The woman answered yes. The sister thought, "This prostitute also has an original nature. There is indeed beauty hidden inside her. Even though her business is ugly and sinful, she has a heart that's longing for beauty." So the sister smiled and simply said, "Please pick out the flowers you like." The woman picked some out and gave the sister money she kept inside her dress. Even though what she was doing to earn that money was completely against God, still that beauty, that image of God, was within her. And I'm sure that, when the time comes, God will defend that prostitute. When Satan accuses her and says she should go to hell, God will say, "No! This is my daughter! When I called her, my daughter saw the beauty of my creation, and her heart was moved because she has a beautiful heart. She gave money for the flowers, and because of that, she contributed to the restoration

providence. That's why, Satan, you cannot claim her. My daughter, come with me." That must be God's heart.

Most of us don't make enough effort to find the original nature of a person. We have a tendency to find a person's weakness first and judge him from that point of view. But God's way is not like that at all; He wants to find some condition by which He can claim His sons and daughters as His own and take them away from their connection to sin. Even though a person may do terrible things, God is looking for the one good thing that can be a condition for Him to call His child back. Satan does the opposite; he tries to

find all your weak points. He takes note of every single bad thing you did in your life, all the little sins as well as the big ones, and then he goes to God and shows Him that you did this and this and this and

this and this and should go to hell. God's way and Satan's way are totally opposite because their motivations are completely different. Satan's motivation is to destroy us, but God's motivation is to save us.

It's very important to recognize a person's good points, but beyond that, it's important to stimulate his original good nature and let it come out. And when this goodness is stimulated strongly and deeply, that person can have great power by which he can destroy the evil in his mind with goodness. We should be "anti-evil mind." In other words, because we are original-minded people filled with a spirit of goodness, we should try to stimulate ourselves and stimulate our brothers and sisters so that all the goodness in their original minds can come out. Our life is a constant struggle between good and evil. Now is the time when we can stimulate our own goodness to come out much more than before. The time has come when we can defeat evil completely, and the power and strength of the original mind can gush out and bloom and blossom like spring.

Selfishness or sacrifice?

To do this, we need a weapon. That is truth. We need to understand the meaning of the absolute standard. On an individual level, we can try to over-

come our own personal selfishness by following the truth. For instance, we can say, "I don't need to eat this cake; I can give it to my brother or sister." As a person becomes responsible for more people, it's harder to sacrifice. It's more difficult to sacrifice one's own team or region for the sake of another team or region, isn't it? What about sacrifice on a still higher level? For a country, what is the most important thing? The national interest, isn't it? If something benefits America, it's a good thing; if it takes something away from America, it's a bad thing. That is the typical standard of a nation. Political leaders cannot usually go

beyond this concept. Serving the national interest has a higher priority for them than serving other nations. A president of a country may be a good and sacrificial person on

an individual level, but in acting on a national level, he may become selfish.

What if America had a president who was always thinking about how America could sacrifice itself for the welfare of all humanity? What do you think would happen? Many Americans live prosperous lives, which most people have never experienced. Suppose this American president begins to inspire the entire nation by teaching the universal principles of how to attain true eternal happiness. He tells the people of the nation,

"We all thought that to be happy meant to gain material wealth and power for ourselves. We've been trying this way for 200 years, but no one has become happy. So let's change our way of life!" Suppose he creates an entirely new budget and says, "Okay, this year half of our national budget will be used to rebuild Ethiopia. This year's goal is to save Ethiopia." If all that money were used to save Ethiopia, Ethiopia could be completely rebuilt—with beautiful cities, schools, hospitals, transportation systems, and factories. If the world saw what America was doing in sacrificing itself for the sake of a small suffering nation, what would the people of the world think? They would be completely moved! They would say, "America is a wonderfully sacrificial country!" Then in one year, America could grab the heart of the the entire world.

In contrast, look at what the Soviet Union is doing in Ethiopia. The Soviet Union's whole purpose is to take from that miserable country—not to give the people food but to destroy them in their own drive to take over other countries. Such selfishness is Satan's tool. But if America continued to live in a selfless way for 10 years, serving all the poorer countries, the whole world would bow down to America, don't you think so? People would realize that communism's presence isn't needed.

Stimulating our desire

There have been lots of presidents of the United States, but not even one of them had this kind of insight or determination. If the American president could see the image of Jesus in the eyes

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IRFF's 1985 drought relief program in the Sudan helped thousands of starving nomadic people.

of a starving, dying, old Ethiopian man, then such a sacrificial thing could happen. Since the image of God is also inside the heart of the American people, we must stimulate each American citizen's pure desire to do good, which is the desire of God. It is actually our responsibility to move the hearts of the American people so that they can understand the value of sacrificing for the sake of the people in needy countries. Then the Americans can melt the heart of those people, embrace them, and kick Satan completely out of those countries. It is clear that first we need to stimulate America, and then America can stimulate the world.

Father is thinking about how to restore North Korea, the enemy country. Kim Il Sung is teaching schoolchildren that the most evil person in the world is Rev. Moon. But Father is teaching us to love the North Koreans. They are really suffering, almost to the point of starvation, because their ideology just doesn't work. Even the richest people in North Korea, the members of the Communist Party, are encouraged not to eat three times a day, but only twice a day now. They have nothing to wear, nothing to eat. But because they want to save face, they try to hide the fact that their people are suffering.

Last year, a Korean Air Lines jet crashed, and it was discovered that Kim Il Sung's son had given the order to two committed North Korean communists, an old man and a young woman, to destroy that airplane. They forged Japanese passports and prepared a time bomb and destroyed the airplane, killing 115 people. Then they were ordered to commit suicide. Why? Because it was feared they might be captured and interrogated. The man succeeded in killing himself by taking poison. The woman tried but failed, and she was arrested and taken to Seoul, Korea. She had been told that if they failed their mission and were captured, they would no doubt be executed by the South Koreans. But, astonishingly to her, she was treated very well. She started to wonder what was happening. She was given a tour of Seoul. According to her education in North Korea, the city of Seoul was supposed to be filled with beggars,

with everybody suffering because of the oppression from America. But she saw that no one was suffering. In fact, people were wearing beautiful clothes, such as she had never seen in North Korea, and were eating good food, whatever they liked. In her native North Korea, people couldn't eat like that. Her most shocking experience came when she

observed the national election on December 16, 1987. It was unthinkable for her that this was the reality, that four different candidates were competing. She finally realized that her

own president was a liar. That's the reason she broke down and confessed everything on national TV.

Inheriting the true heart

Father wants to love the North Koreans. He believes that despite their oppression they have a pure heart inside. If we show them love, we can open their hearts and finally give them a chance to come back to God. He knows that the unification of the Fatherland won't be accomplished by weapons, but by truth

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and love. What if the president of South Korea, the prime minister of Japan, the president of the United States, the chancellor of West Germany, and the prime minister of England all got together with that spirit of giving and started to discuss how to deal with this world? Don't you think everything would be completely different? If these leaders could touch the heart of God and commit themselves to loving the entire world from His parental point of view, in a short time, this world would realistically change.

Then how do we inherit this love, this heart of God? We are fortunate to be living at this moment in history, because this is the time of the coming of age of the True Children. By connecting with them, we can directly inherit that kind of heart, for they are the bridge. Then we can convey that same heart to others, eventually reaching out to the leadership of the world. Therefore, our goal, especially this year, should be to connect with the True Children and inherit that heart and that absolute standard of truth and action. If we can focus on these points this year, surely the hope and joy and happiness of the entire world will be near. As we touch and awaken the original heart of God within each person, the attributes of love that Paul described in his letter to the Corinthians will come fully alive throughout the world. □

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

The more sharing and feedback we, as brothers and sisters, can foster among ourselves, the greater can be our unity and mutual benefit. We would like to invite you to write in your perceptions, feelings, insights, comments, and suggestions to a "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" column.

We begin with two letters of appreciation, but we look forward to a wide variety of input from you.

Thank you for your hard work making the *Today's World*. This magazine is one of the few materials that can keep me in touch with the True Family and also with the current events of God's providence. I support your efforts, and I am praying for you.

**John Theriot
Berkeley, CA**

Just a note to thank you for the new Children's Section in *Today's World*. We now have four children, and we ap-

preciate so much the resources of inspirational literature. Keep up the good work!

Maybe in five years we'll have a children's magazine with articles written by elder blessed children for younger ones, testimonies from blessed children around the world, and a pen pal exchange for blessed children. (Maybe call it *Today's World Youth Magazine*??)

**Patty Macijeski
Northfield, Vermont**

The population of our precious second generation is increasing rapidly; therefore, we are offering a section in Today's World that we hope can spiritually stimulate our blessed children (and the original child in all of us). We want to create a forum for those trying to provide blessed children with nourishing educational materials as well as help encourage others to create new resources.

We rely on your contributions and suggestions. Please send articles, stories, pictures, poems, games, puzzles—anything that may help children grow toward a better understanding of God, True Parents, the Principle, and the values of our way of life. Contributions from the children themselves may also be considered for publication.

This month we present a children's story by Ken Weber, currently working at The World & I, who has written many stories for children and helps organize Sunday School programs for blessed children in Washington DC.

THE WISHING STONE

by Ken Weber

When she opened the jewelry box, it sparkled with a bright blue color and dazzled her eyes. "Oh my goodness!" the young woman whispered. "It's beautiful!"

"Happy Birthday, Patty," said her father. He was pleased that she liked his gift. "I got this stone years ago when I was traveling around the world. Legend says that stones of this particular color and shape have the power to grant wishes. I never believed in such tales, but I felt it would be a beautiful gift nevertheless."

Patty lifted up the necklace by its chain and put it around her neck. She looked at herself in the mirror. "A wishing stone . . . It would be nice if it really could grant wishes."

Later that day, Patty met one of her friends for lunch. "Hi, Susan," she said, sitting down. "Sorry I'm late. I was about to get into a taxi when a man pushed me aside and got in first. I had to catch another cab."

"Isn't it awful how rude some people can be?" said Susan. "It seems as if people today are only thinking of themselves!"

The incident was soon forgotten, however, as the two women chatted over

lunch.

"You know Mary, don't you?" asked Patty.

"Oh yes. She's the sensitive girl you work with, isn't she?"

"That's just it," said Patty. "She's so sensitive that it's hard not to hurt her feelings. Sometimes it's really hard to tell where other people are coming

"Is something wrong?" asked Susan.

"No," whispered Patty. "That is, I don't think so."

"What's going on with me?"

Back at work after lunch, Patty was waiting for the elevator. She fingered the necklace around her neck and wondered about the tingling she had felt.

Suddenly the elevator door opened and she was pushed aside as the people rushed to get on. Stumbling to regain her balance, Patty pulled at her necklace and broke the chain. The necklace and stone went clattering to the floor, and by the time she had picked them up, the elevator door had closed again. Unconsciously, she stuffed the necklace and the stone into her coat pocket and angrily pressed the button for the elevator again.

That night, as Patty walked down the street to her apartment, she suddenly felt a rush of happiness. "Wedding bells are going to chime," she thought. Then she stopped walking. "Good heavens! Why did I think that?"

Looking around, she saw a man carrying a box of flowers and almost skipping down the sidewalk.

A little boy carrying a broken toy truck walked by her going the other direction, and she was briefly filled with



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from. I just wish I were more aware of what others around me were feeling."

Patty felt a faint tingling around her neck, and for an instant she grabbed at the stone.

sadness. Wiping tears from her eyes, she wondered, "What's going on with me?"

Suddenly anger filled every part of her being. The next moment a horn sounded right behind her, and she heard a taxi driver shout at another driver, "Why don't you use your turn signal, stupid?"

bled down the hall, sobbing uncontrollably as she searched frantically for the door where the sorrowful feelings were coming from. Finally she found it.

"I must get hold of myself!" she said, wiping the tears from her eyes. Clutching at her robe, she knocked at the door. There was a long silence, and then an old woman's voice answered, "Who's

for a moment, then picked up the receiver. "Hello?" After a moment she smiled. "Oh thank you so much for calling!" she cried. She turned toward Patty. "That was about my son! The doctors say he's going to be all right!"

"The stone granted my wish!"

At lunch that day, Patty shared her experiences with her friend Susan.

"There's no other explanation," she said. "Somehow that stone granted my wish to know other people's feelings!"

"Patty, I think you've been working too hard," said Susan with a concerned look. "Things like that just aren't possible!"

"I wonder if the stone can grant other wishes," said Patty, reaching for her neck. Suddenly she sat bolt upright. "Good heavens! My necklace is gone!"

"Maybe you put it in your purse," suggested Susan.

Patty grabbed her purse and searched through it. "I know," she finally said, leaning back in her chair and smiling. "I must have taken it off when I went to bed last night. I must have put it in my dresser drawer!"

Susan shrugged. "I'm sure you'll find it."

Getting up and grabbing her coat, Patty excused herself. She ran down the street and hailed a taxi. "Tenth and Braddock," she said,

leaning back in the seat and closing her eyes. Taking a deep breath, she listened to the sounds of passing cars.

But with these sounds, emotions of all kinds started rushing through her one after another: excitement, despair, anger, confusion . . .

She choked and gasped, opening her eyes just as the taxi was pulling to a stop. Paying the driver, she got out and ran across the sidewalk. Emotions were beginning to bombard her from all sides and she could no longer shut them out. The most intense emotion was sadness, and this was the most difficult for her to deal with. She had no idea there was so much sadness and



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"My gosh!" Patty whispered. "I'm feeling what everyone around me is feeling!" Quickly she ran down the sidewalk and into her apartment building. Closing the front door behind her, she stopped and listened. All was silent now. She walked up the stairs to her apartment, thinking, "When I was talking to Susan, I said that I wished I were more aware of others' feelings. My wish seems to be coming true!"

At one o'clock in the morning, Patty woke up suddenly. Somewhere in another apartment, she sensed that someone was in great sorrow! Tears began filling her eyes. Getting out of bed, she put on her robe. Waves of grief were coursing through her body!

"Who could possibly be so sad?" wondered Patty. "I must find out who this person is!"

Quickly she opened the door and walked out into the hallway. She stum-

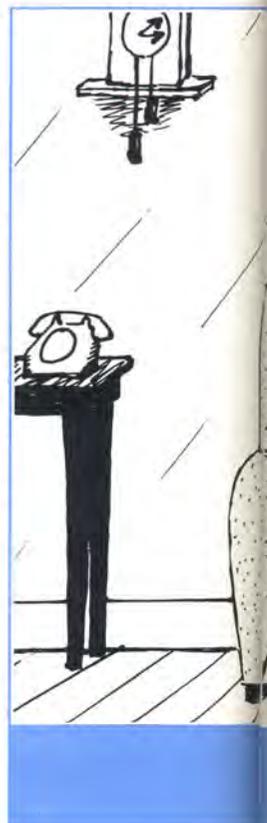
tered there?"

Patty looked at the name on the door and cleared her throat. "Mrs. Carson, is something wrong? I'm Patty Burke from down the hall." After a long pause, the door opened and an old woman looked out. "How did you know?" she whispered.

"I just knew," said Patty. "Please tell me what's wrong! What happened?"

Mrs. Carson opened the door and let Patty in. "I just got a telephone call," she said, trying to hold back her grief. "My son was in an automobile accident in California. He's in the hospital . . . and he's not expected to live!" The old woman collapsed, sobbing, into Patty's arms. Patty held her close. "I'll stay with you," she said.

Patty stayed with Mrs. Carson for the rest of the night, holding her and comforting her. In the morning the telephone rang. The old woman hesitated

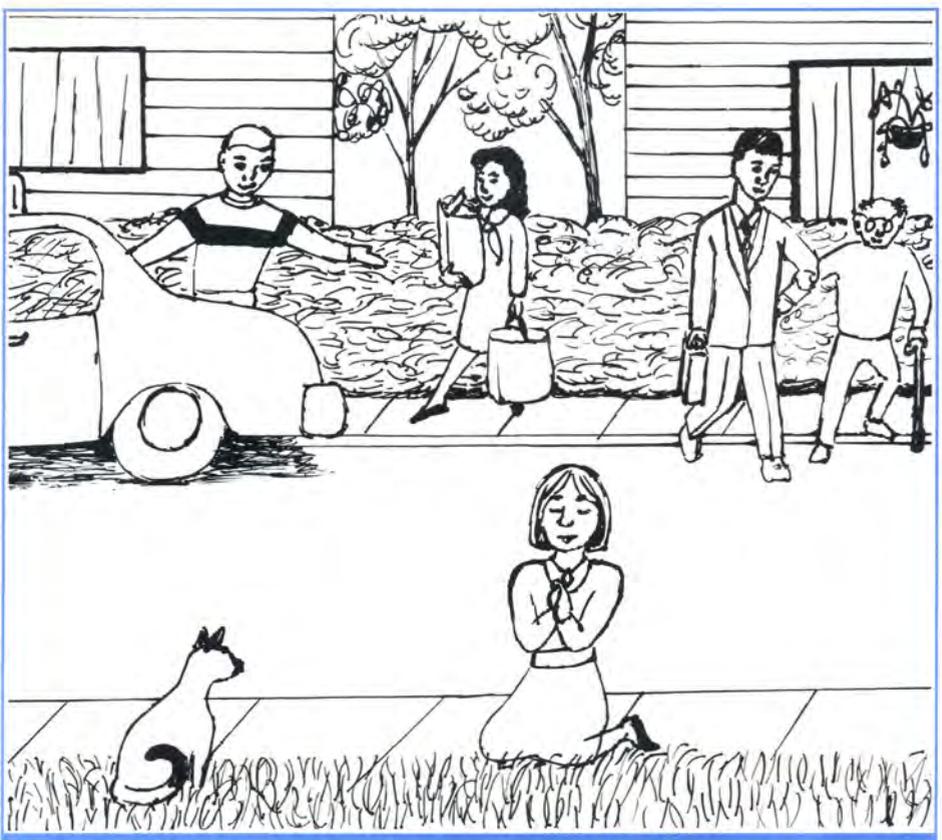


suffering around her. People everywhere seemed to be crying out for help.

She ran up the stairs to her apartment and fumbled for the key. Once inside, she threw her coat down on a chair. Desperately, she searched through the dresser drawers for the missing necklace. But it was nowhere to be found!

She began to panic now, because the emotions were hitting her with such intensity that she could hardly stand it. Picking up the telephone, she began dialing the number of one of her friends to ask for help. But as she did, thousands of new emotions flooded her body. Her senses had connected with all the people on the telephone lines. Dropping the telephone, she grabbed her coat, flung it over her arm, and ran out into the street. Waves of emotion were coming from farther and farther away now . . . other streets, other cities and states—even other countries! Patty bent over and covered her ears, but the emotions kept coming! She knelt down on the pavement, and as she did, she dropped her coat. Something fell out of the pocket, and she looked down. "The stone! It was in my coat pocket all this time!"

Desperately she grabbed the stone and held it to her breast. "I wish," she sobbed, "that, instead of me, the rest of the world could feel, just for an instant,



Patty knelt in silence for several minutes and finally made one more wish, "I wish that this memory will remain alive and strong in the hearts of people everywhere!"

what I feel now!" Like a huge wave, the emotions left her and were gone. Patty relaxed, breathing a sigh of relief.

Suddenly she saw that everywhere, people on the streets abruptly stopped what they were doing. Some screamed; some doubled over and cried. Then it was over as fast as it had started. There was silence everywhere as people stood where they were, visibly shaken and stunned by what they had felt.

"Everyone in the world must have just felt the full impact of the emotions I was feeling!" said Patty to herself. Then she found herself plunged into deep thought. "One instant of emotion . . . What effect will it have? Will it change anything?"

"We must not forget!"

Over the next few days Patty was amazed to read the newspaper headlines: "World Leaders Hold Emergency Conference to Discuss the End of War," "America To Begin Massive Aid Program for Starving Nations." An editorial even talked of the great need for all the world's people to see themselves as one interdependent family .

Patty was amazed at how everyone was acting. On the street people were being courteous and helping each other out. Everyone was smiling and exchanging warm greetings. She saw a man opening a door for a large group of people. A young woman was helping an elderly man climb up some steps.

"One instant of emotion," Patty said again. "It's amazing what a difference it has made. But how long will it last?"

She picked up the wishing stone. "What if the memory fades and we all go back to the way we were before? We tend to have short memories when it comes to things like this!"

She clutched the stone tightly in her hands, knelt down, and closed her eyes. "We must not forget!" she whispered. She knelt in silence for several minutes and finally made one more wish, "I wish that this memory will remain alive and strong in the hearts of people everywhere! I wish that it will never be forgotten!"

She took a deep breath and opened her eyes, and, holding tightly to the wishing stone, she got up and continued walking on down the street. □



Patty stayed with Mrs. Carson for the rest of the night, holding her.

Substantiating Home Church

by Luciano Fenoli

This is Part I of an article based on an interview conducted by Tamara Grapek with Luciano Fenoli, an Italian brother who has been doing home church both full-time and part-time since 1978. We are printing his inspiring testimony because home church is indeed meant to be our way of life, and with the current hometown providence, many of us now have a fresh opportunity to bring success.

Since Father declared the dispensation of home church in 1976 in America, most of us have done some home church work, but we didn't always bring a substantial victory. In my experience, substantiating home church means embodying home church, being a living source of home church, and being a co-creator with God of home church. For me, all of these can be expressed in one sentence: Home church is everything I do.

Home church is not a mission we will do just for a period of time, for the next seven or 21 years, but it is our destiny and our life. It is the only way we can inherit True Parents' heart, foundation, and victory. I remember Father said in 1981, when he started the dispensation for the Children's Course, that in seven years we could fulfill everything and avoid a 21-year course. My experiences have made home church so real and touchable to me that I feel God wants me to share my experience to try to help others to understand the meaning of substantiating home church.

One question that many brothers and

sisters and I myself have asked is, "How do I know if I have succeeded in home church or not? Does doing home church mean only visiting my 360 homes or can it also include my mission?" We have had all kinds of different guidance through many speeches and testimonies, but in reality, success in our home church course means bringing 84 spiritual children. This is the only substantial proof that we have been successful in these first seven years of the Children's Course that just ended this spring.

Be a friend

In the winter of 1978 I started my first home church work together with another brother in a very wealthy area in Milan, Italy. We pioneered for 40 days, as Father had asked members to do in America. We slept almost the whole time outside a church under two marble chairs. Sometimes we slept near the ele-

vator on the top of a building in our area. We only had sleeping bags, and I remember it was freezing cold. My partner was a young brother who had just joined the church, and I felt a lot of

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sympathy for him, but at least we could suffer and endure together. We couldn't get any substantial results, but we contacted many

people, and we even testified about what we were doing to the priest of the church where we slept.

My second home church area was also in Milan. It was exactly the type of home church area that Father says is ideal, because our church center was right in the middle of the area. Contacting millionaires in their beautiful villas in this area was really a *via crucis*—a way of the cross—for me, because these rich people never wanted to be served in any traditional way. In this area I learned that what *we* want to do for people may not be what *they* want. We have to study our area and see what the needs of the people are.

I became friends with some of the rich young people there, and I would go into the bars and play billiards or watch TV and talk about the soccer games with them. This didn't mean I became one of them, but I tried to befriend them with the heart of True Parents. I hoped to offer them, bit by bit, an alternative to their satanic habits and vision and their preoccupation with money. They were not interested in God, of course, and none of them went to church, but I could represent a kind of living church to them. Many of them eventually invited me into their homes. I became a friend to one rich old man



Luciano, left, and his partner who pioneered with him for 40 days in Milan. At right is the national leader of Italy, Mr. Franco Ravaglioli.

because he was interested in hearing about my experiences as a missionary in Korea and Japan. Thus, during this time I learned how to serve people simply by becoming their friend.

In 1979 I moved to Rome, where I got another home church area. This area was very special because there were rich people, poor people, and middle class people there, and also many leftists whom I had to challenge. In my area was an underground office of the Communist Party, where a lot of young people met to print leaflets and talk about how to make a revolution and blow up the headquarters of the Democratic Party. I went to visit them and I asked them, "What are you doing?" Some of these young people, working on the front line of the leftist revolution, invited me to come to their homes and listen to all of their complaints about problems with wages, their families, and apartment living. They felt that the government didn't really care about the citizens. I felt responsible to resolve their resentment, because these young people had no hopeful vision for the future. Bit by bit, I became their friend by taking an interest in what they were doing without criticizing them. I felt I could win their hearts eventually by serving them. Soon I was becoming very much involved, and I was very sorry to have to move again when asked to help with another mission.

Priority of home church

Many of us have struggled with changing our home church areas numerous times, wondering if our efforts still count. It's a struggle I had to overcome too. But as far as I understand, it doesn't matter how many times you change your area—as long as you did something there and completed your roster and passed it on with your picture to another person to continue the work there. That is your responsibility, and it is the responsibility of the center leader to see that the work is carried on. An area can be restored by more than one person, and all of them can have spiritual children from the same area. Our home church work is actually global, and all of us can cooperate to accomplish it.

My next area was in Paris. Even though I was working all week long at a

business, I felt I had to do home church. So every Saturday night I took a train out to my area. I chose just three or four big buildings to make visiting go more quickly. I was lucky I knew French so I could write a letter to all 360 homes. It said: "I am from Italy and I want to share life experiences with different na-



Luciano held a workshop for these young people he met in one of his home church areas in Italy.

tionalties. I am just here for a short period of time, so can I visit you? Please call me." Through this, I met all kinds of people and made several friends. I even had an experience of teaching the fall of man to a homosexual. Because he became my friend I could teach him, even though he didn't understand it completely.

I still keep that letter as a record. I keep some record of my work from every area I have worked in, so that I have a history of my home church work. We have to prove in front of Satan what we have done. I felt many times that if I die, what will I have to show for my life? We have to leave something for our brothers and sisters who will come after us.

Sometimes we wonder: "If I have to work all week long, how can I serve 360 homes? What should be my priority?" We have to resolve this struggle; otherwise we cannot be victorious. I came to the conclusion that home church must always be subject in our hearts. Those who have a family and have to come

home after work to meet them have another struggle to resolve. How can you go out in the evening and do home church? I want to mention Father's suggestion, which I heard from Rev. Won Pil Kim. He said, "I know that some of you finish your work at 10 or 11 o'clock at night, and some of you have families, and you wonder how you can do home church in the evening. But what is your desire? It's very important that you first go to your area and pray, 'Father, please bless all these people,' and say their names. You will have a better feeling than if you go to your wife and children first and then realize you have no time to visit your area."

Importance of persevering

My best home church testimony comes from doing full-time home church in England. During one seven-month period, we made a condition to not go back to the center at night to sleep. This was during the freezing winter of 1981. It was very difficult for many brothers and sisters; some came back every evening and slept in the garage of the center because they didn't have a place to live. Since nobody gave me a place to sleep, I slept all that time in my sleeping bag in a park, where some brushy tree branches hung down over a grassy spot. The people in my area could even see me there. I learned all about the struggle and persecution we have to go through in a rich area and how important it is to persevere and pay indemnity so that blessings can come later.

Because I was doing home church full-time, I was determined to visit 53 houses a day. Even if you are not doing it full-time, you can at least pray for 53 houses each day. Father gave us guidance on how to visit this number every day. Every three days I visited all of my best 72 homes. I visited the 12 best every

day, which included the three best. Then I chose 20 from the remaining 60 of that 72, and I rotated another 20 each day. As I visited them, if one that was in the "A" category became more negative, I had to move it to the "B" or "C" category. Every day, you have to write the changes in your roster. This is very important. Every day I also visited 21

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homes out of the remaining 288. So 12 plus 20 plus 21 equals 53.

While I was visiting my houses, a young Anglican priest watched me every day. Finally he came to me and said,



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"Luciano, why do you do this? I could not do this!" We were standing in front of the house of an old lady who couldn't walk. Because the priest had told her not to let me in, she had never requested any service from me. I had only been able to say to her, "Good morning. How is your health? Can I take care of your garden?" The garden was in terrible shape, but because of the Anglican priest's interference I couldn't even work in it. So on this particular day I looked at him and said, "I do this because you are not doing it, even though this is your parish. I shouldn't be here. I am here just to show you what you should do. If you can inherit this mission, then I'll go back to my country." Then he asked me, "Luciano, do you think I know God and that God knows me?" I waited a moment and then answered, "Why do you ask me that? You should know—you are a priest of the Anglican Church." Then he asked me if I would like to come and visit him and his wife sometime.

Exemplify True Parents' way

I was walking in my area a few days later when a boy came to tell me that the priest wanted to see me right away. So I went. The priest's house was a mess; everything was in disorder because his wife had just had a baby and he had been busy taking care of the parish. The first thing I felt in my heart was to ask if I could clean for them. But he said to me, "I called you because I have some young boys here who are making a lot of

trouble around this area and who are rebelling against their parents. I can't convince them that God exists; they don't want to hear anything about the Bible. Can you reach them and give

them some good advice? I think you're the right person." And I said, "Okay, if you think so." I called the boys over to me. "Why are you giving your parents and your pastor such a hard time?" I said. "What's going on with you? Why don't you believe in God?" They began to really listen to me. I saw that they were children who had not been well taken care of by their parents, so I felt the priest should take

responsibility to educate the parents in his congregation in how to raise their

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children. Even though he was leading the parish, he couldn't guide his members with True Parents' standard and teaching. After I talked to the boys for a half hour, they were very calm. At last the priest realized that he was not doing what he should be doing.

Another pastor said to me one day, "Listen, you Moonie, I want to teach you about the Bible." He wanted to make me a member of his church. I said, "Okay, I'll just sit down and listen. I don't want to make you into a Moonie. Let's just share the Bible together." So I became his friend, and he was the only one in my area who let me in his house every day. He even asked me to stay for lunch with him. It was amazing. He was negative in the beginning, but he was the only one among my 360 wealthy families who was at all open to learning something new.

A third minister in my area was very afraid to deal with me. I didn't know how to find a way to talk to him, but one day I saw that he was repairing his house, so I joined him and helped him do some of the physical work. I realized that these pastors never went around the area to actually help people. Even though I was younger than they were, I was in the position to teach them because I knew Father's teaching. I wanted to help these preachers fulfill their mission to truly care for their people.

There was also a congressman in my area who was very rich and had a big house. His wife was a teacher of classical dance. I offered to do her garden. I introduced the Little Angels to her and asked her, "Are you interested in knowing more about them?" She said, "Yes. I teach little children, and I have heard about the Little Angels before. Do you have some more information or a film about them?" So one day I brought many brochures, and while I was working in her garden, we sat down and listened to the music of the Little Angels.

Experiencing Jesus' life

People in my area often asked me, "Why do you sleep outside in the park? Doesn't Moon have a house for you? Is it possible that Moon is so cruel?" I answered, "Do you think that Rev. Moon is making me do this? I am doing this because I want to experience the kind of missionary life that Jesus experienced. If you read the Bible, it says that Jesus



While doing home church in England, Luciano slept under this tree for seven months.

had no place to sleep. Sometimes wealthy people invited him to stay for the night, but he didn't have a house. I am experiencing sleeping in that park the same way Jesus did. If I only talk

about Jesus without experiencing his life, what right do I have to teach you? I could sleep in our church center, but I want to feel what Jesus felt. I know the priest has been coming around and telling you, 'Don't let that Moonie in your house.' But now that you know that I am just trying to be like Jesus, do you think you might have a place for me to stay tonight?" They would say, "No, I'm sorry, but you can come in for a cup of tea." I would ask, "Well, can you keep my sleeping bag inside your door?" They would say, "Not inside, but you can leave it outside the door."

I remember one freezing night when winter came. I didn't want to sleep be-

them. So, my son, you have to suffer."

In the morning the sun came up, and I was still there walking in the street. A man I had met who was a strong Christian leader drove up to me in his car and stopped in front of me. His son was in the car with him. He jumped out of the car and grabbed my shirt and said, "Don't come to my house any more! I don't want to see you Moonies any more, do you understand?" And he shook me. His son was watching from the car, shocked at what his father, a Christian, was doing to me. I remember when he shook me I lost my contact lens and never found it again.

Service and prayer

Because so few people would let me serve them, I made a condition to start my day at 5 a.m. for 40 days and do something to serve seven homes a day—like clearing away old leaves from the lawns while the people were still sleeping. Father says you should wake up before the people. While doing this condition, I was sleeping in a sort of garden shed in back of an empty house. Amazingly, because of my constant desire to fulfill Father's will, my own father, who was in the spiritual world, came every morning to wake me, calling, "Luciano, wake up! It's 4:30 now."

I was very tired, so sometimes I would fall right back asleep again, and he would call me again, "Luciano, wake up! It's 4:30." He had been a very religious person and had always helped others in our small village unselfishly. I'm sure he will always be with me, helping me, because I was very close to him. I heard Father predict such happenings, but to actually experience it is very inspiring!

When the owner of the house came back and discovered I was sleeping in the shed behind his house, he came with a stick one morning to beat me when I came out of the shed. People from the area were standing around, watching him. I yelled, "I'm a missionary here; I have no place to stay. Please don't kill me!" And then the man's uncle stopped him.

There was also a doctor in my area who was negative and always threat-

ened to make his big dog attack me. I tried to visit him every day to resolve this conflict. His wife always told me, "Don't come here! If my husband catches you, he'll set our dog on you!" One day when I went to visit the house, he



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did let his dog attack me. I ran out very quickly, but I almost got bitten.

Father said we should do a 40-day condition for negative people and then go back and talk to them again, so I did that. When I went to visit them again they had changed! I asked the doctor, "Is there a reason why you have been persecuting me? I love you and I want to serve you; I even love your dog!" He didn't answer, but at least he listened. I also went to see the Christian leader who had shaken me in front of his son, and he spoke to me, roughly, but at least we could talk. I even went back to the man whose shed I had slept in. I was very afraid, but after we talked, we actually became good friends. Thus I was able to put all my fears and the suffering from their persecution behind me; it was somehow, on one level, a success. □

Next month: In Part II, Luciano relates how he was able to bring great victory in home church on the foundation of the indemnity he paid.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

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A homemade cake--the way to a person's heart.

cause I felt I was going to talk to Jesus that night. It was snowing, and I just walked up and down the streets in my area all night. There were people looking out of their windows to see what this crazy guy was doing.

I was praying, "Jesus, all these rich people go to church every Sunday and they say they are Christian. Is there a way that you can get inside their hearts and tell them the true way to live—to take the cross and follow you? If there

is a way, tell me. I want to help them too." But after I cried all night, and just couldn't stop the tears, I really experienced Father's heart. Jesus came in a vision and said to me, "No, my son. I don't see a way to get into their hearts. They are stubborn; they are just following the letter of the Bible. Because they are so rich and secular, and just following their preacher's direction, even if I appeared to them, I couldn't reach

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Our Standard of Devotion

What kind of member do you want to become? Certainly you want to excel, and not fail; but if you don't follow my direction in doing home church, are you excelling or failing? Of course, you are capable of making many pledges, but how many of your pledges have you actually carried out?

Total Completion of the Ideal
2/28/82, Belvedere

Attaining true love is your goal in doing home church. Home church is like a gun where the target is true love. Have you ever thought that the number of times you serve the people in your home church area is the number of times God visits that area? You must think about how much God is present with you and walking with you. God is not dwelling with you when you are lying comfortably in bed with a full stomach. The times when you are hungry and fatigued are the times God is with you. Sometimes you may be sick to your stomach and you feel you cannot go out. But knowing that your home church members are waiting for you, and not wanting to disappoint them, you walk out the door, maybe almost falling down. That is when God is with you.

Seeking the True Master
11/29/81, Belvedere

What did I explain to you before you went out? Three months ago I showed you exactly how to do home church. I explained precisely the meaning of home church and the rea-

sons why you must do it. You forgot, and you did not do as I told you. Anyone who memorized what I told you three months ago and never forgot it and tried to work according to that direction all the time, raise your hand. Who never forgot? Only a few people are confident. Even if you understand completely you may have difficulty, but how can you ever accomplish if you don't even understand?

From now on we must always think, "Home church, home church, home church," like crazy people. "Home church, home church--that is my place, that is my objective." Everything you see and everything you think about should be connected in your mind with home church. If you can't change your thinking, then mankind will continue to live in hell. We must cross over that borderline. This is the five percent responsibility that each Unification Church member must fulfill.

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Don't have any idle time. Don't talk here at the center, but go to your area and talk with the people there. Once you come back in the evening, do not talk; don't even chat. Instead, pray about your area. Go to your area and talk; here, you should pray.

You must really work hard, even if it's painful. Even if you are on the verge of collapse, you must go on and still try to accomplish. If one individual collapses, later somebody will pick you up. But what about the world? If you don't succeed in your 360 homes, who will be responsible for them?

Father Speaks to the Crusade
9/5/78, London

To express God's concern for each of His children, we must tangibly help those we meet in our daily lives. Through secular sources of information, we learn about people and programs that are 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.

If you have an interest in children and something to share with them, you can become a school volunteer, through the **National School Volunteer Program**. These are some of the ways you can help, or inspire your home church contacts to help: tutor a child in any subject; listen to a child read; visit museums with children; tell stories;

produce a class play; coach gym activities; teach ethnic dancing; work with handicapped children; make puppets; play instructional games; or share artistic skills. Volunteers may be able to receive several hours of training. For more information, write to:

The National School Volunteer Program
Attn: Carol Pierce, Director of Membership Services
601 Wythe Street
Suite 200
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 836-4880

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.

I want you to understand that God will never appear halfway through a situation; He will always wait until the end. If He assists you too much in the middle of a mission, then you will have to pay too much indemnity, and God doesn't want you to suffer in that way. You can say to God, "You are my spectator, and I will never let You down. Just sit and watch how I am doing."

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

I want you to set a record of wearing out your shoes from walking so much. I don't want you to ride too often to your area; walk there and sweat more. When you wear your shoes out, they will be your museum pieces. When your clothes are torn and worn out, they belong in your museum too. If you are attacked physically and your blood stains your shirt, don't wash it out; that is your museum piece. If you are stabbed, save the bandages. The number of museum pieces you have will determine your place in heaven.

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

For the past year we have been inviting you, our readers, to submit sincere and thoughtful articles about an aspect or aspects of your spiritual life, as historical contributions to a record of our LIFE IN THE FIRST DAYS of the ideal world. We welcome your realizations and experiences. We are primarily looking for content—so please don't worry if your English writing ability isn't good. With your contribution include your name, address, telephone number, physical and spiritual ages, and major missions you have had. Please specify if you do not wish your name to be used. If the piece is published, you will receive a partial subscription to Today's World.

This month we are presenting, anonymously, a short testimony from an American brother about his "chance" encounters with Unification Church members when he was a teenager.

My Thanks to the Unknown Missionaries

It was October 4, 1950. Father had just been liberated from Hung Nam prison. I was conceived in my mother's womb that day, on my parents' honeymoon. Ever since that moment, I believe I was destined to join the Unification movement.

Around 1965, in my home town in New Jersey (a town with many churches), Unification Church missionaries began visiting most of the churches in town, including the First Methodist Church, the church my family attended.

This brought our church into a state of excitement and uproar. The whole congregation began debating such subjects as "If the Messiah came today, what would he look like, and would we recognize him?" and "Was the serpent really an angel?"

Then one day, two Unification Church missionaries came to my Sunday School class. There were one man and one woman. Even though they said they weren't married, I couldn't help thinking of them as a married couple, because I could see they loved each other more deeply than any two people I knew.

During the four weeks they taught my Sunday school class (before they were thrown out), they taught me many aspects of the Principle. I remember listening intently and participating in class discussion. They even said that I "was the best one."

After the missionaries left, I felt as if my world were ending. I wanted to go with them, but no one in our church would tell me where they had gone.

Our entire class was then taken to another room and forced to listen to a

point-by-point refutation of the Principle. I was the only member of my class who stood up for the Principle, and I argued for it in the face of all those adults who were trying to destroy it.

My next contact with the Unification Church was some time later, when a Unification Church fundraiser came to our house. My mother must have sensed something, for when she opened the door she put her hand on my chest, keeping me at arm's length from this fundraiser. Not being able to get close to this precious visitor, I felt like my very life was being crushed out of me.

After a while, when she felt it was safe, Mom let me outdoors. I immediately ran down the street trying to find this person, even asking at the neighbors'

houses to find out if he had been there, but apparently he had only stopped at our house and then, sad to say, disappeared.

I fully believe that, because these missionaries sowed seeds in my mind and spirit when I was a teenager, it became possible for me to accept the Principle at a later time in my life and become a full-time missionary myself.

So remember, as you witness, that you never know if the seeds you sow, however small, will bring future rewards thousands of times greater than you could have ever imagined. □



CATHERINE CHESNUT

The School That True Love Built

by Steve Buono

"Education must be education of the heart and conscience as well as the mind."

Theodore Roosevelt
26th President of the United States

Being a teacher in Africa has been the most rewarding time of my life. My experiences with God and the African people have been very genuine and natural. I first arrived in Zambia as a missionary in August 1984, and soon I began teaching English and religion at Chilenje Independent Primary and Secondary School. After regular classes were over in the afternoon, I started teaching the Principle to any students who were interested. However, once the government heard of it, I was promptly ousted from my duties. They saw me, somehow, as a threat to them.

Two years later, my wife and I left for Liberia, arriving there in February 1987. My intention was to start a school for IRFF, so I volunteered my services to the government high school in Greenville and was assigned to teach world history. I began in this way so that I could gain a little experience about the spirit of the education being offered in my new country.

I was surprised to find out that this school of over 600 students had no religious curriculum, and that in

fact, religious knowledge was neglected completely. So I began teaching religion to the students during my spare time. When the then disunited Christian churches there found out a Moonie was teaching religion to their students, they united to fight their common enemy. After three months, I was removed

from my job by the Christian council.

First, attacks from the Zambian authorities and now, attacks from the Liberian Christian community! I became more determined than ever to open a school to give children a decent, solid education—one that would include internal guidance as well as academic studies. In Africa, the standard of education is very poor. There are few books, and sometimes there is an appalling lack of personal attention and concern for students on the part of the teachers. I knew that the only way to change this and help begin a new spirit for the nation was to give God a school of His own. Hence, the idea for Kpanyan Central was born.

The superintendent of the county offered IRFF an unfinished building that we could complete to use for our school. The immediate problem was money. I proposed a plan, had it accepted, and immediately jumped on a plane to New York to fundraise for the school project. I set a goal to raise \$10,000 in one month.

We reminded each other that what really counted was our sincerity and heart, and that it was always better to start from a humble position.



Happy students at Kpanyan Central School in Kabada, Liberia.

The heart behind it all

When I told the brothers and sisters in New York of our hope and vision to build a school in Liberia, West Africa, I received a show of overwhelming love and support that "knocked my socks" clean off, and God's, too! The unity and cooperation of so many American, Japanese, and Korean brothers and sisters—who helped organize things like a fundraising dinner in Brooklyn and a "School-Aid" concert in the World Mission Center—were the heart behind this project.

When I came back from the States, I had raised nearly \$15,000 for our school, with God's help. We immediately began construction work. During this time, the persecution from the Christian community was a constant harassment. Local officials made me run from one office to another. It seemed to be a very special torment created just for me. Two weeks before the completion of the school, I was told by some government officials to cease all activity at the build-



ing site. Their reason: Proper authorization had never been given for us to receive the land. Naturally, I protested and stood my ground. Internally, I realized that I should just digest this obvious injustice and these absurd accusations and carry on.

After much wrangling and flying back and forth from Monrovia, the capital city, to Greenville, I finally secured our right to open the school. On March 21, 1988, exactly one year to the day when I arrived in Greenville, Kpanyan Central* was opened for classes.

Our school is located in a very impoverished area of small villages, where the houses are made of mud and thatch. The atmosphere is spiritually heavy and stagnant. When we had first set our eyes on the physical location and felt the spiritual environment, we had to overcome a lot of doubt and negativity. We reminded each other that what really counted was our sincerity and heart, and that it was always better to start from a humble position.

The people were resistant to change and so set in their tribal beliefs that each day became a lesson for us in patience and how to constantly nurture and care while pushing ahead with enthusiasm and confidence. We tried to instill that same spirit in the children, and while our experiences were quite rewarding, to make any kind of breakthrough was always challenging. We realized time was needed to change the spiritual climate, and we were determined to do so. Heavenly Father made sure we didn't lose our spirit. He would often send us a wonderful student eager to learn and participate. When you realize God is behind you like that, you find the spirit to go over, and you also find that you have a lot more love to give than you thought. God knows exactly what we need in order to give us the impetus to carry on.

Through this school, we hope to generate a new spirit for education in this country. Our motto: "To encourage, to

uplift, and to set the standard," testifies to our commitment. We treat our students as spiritual children because, like us, they need to be recreated. We teach them the basic subjects—math, science, social studies, and English

(reading and writing)—and we also offer them arts and crafts classes and other extra-curricular activities. Most important though, is our concern to give them special love and guidance and to create a spiritual atmosphere that can

help them transcend their scant environment and thus bring hope to others all over Liberia. Some of our students come from miles away, having to walk for hours, and during the rainy season they sometimes have to swim from one side of the road to the other! At present, Kpanyan Central has just four classrooms, five very determined teachers, and a handful of committed students. Our teachers are all Liberian except for myself and another brother from Sierra Leone. We cherish our unity and help each other to keep our motto and vision strongly intact.

Indemnity comes in many colors, and at Kpanyan Central, persecution is our favorite shade. Being a part of this project has been a lesson in patience and

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* Kpanyan (pronounced *pan-yan*) is the name of the district in which the school is located.

Steve Buono stands in front of the school—before and after.



humility for us. I've learned that during swarms of persecution, a humble heart is always the safest investment. It's never easy to tolerate any injustice, but for the sake of the internal and the external mission, this is an essential principle to follow. Despite all the difficulties brought about by the ignorance of others, I never hated anyone inside my heart. When I meet our adversaries on the street, it's an ideal opportunity for me to show them the true love that our True Parents teach us. I always put my hand out in genuine affection toward them. It's up to us who know the truth to win over those who do not!

In the few months of its existence, Kpanyan Central has already stirred up a lot of interest and good controversy. Many people drive out to our school just to see what the "Moonies" are doing, and when they leave, they're impressed. The school's a marvel. It's an imported cosmic love bomb sent by God, which, on impact, causes people to feel good. They see development and feel hope for the future.

In the years to come, we want to build additional classrooms as well as begin a complete system of grades one through



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12. With God's guidance, it will be achieved, and more and more children will be able to attend and grow. The true beauty of the school, however, is in how it came to be—how brothers and sisters from so many nations saw a need to lend a hand and did. The family spirit of unconditional giving is definitely a major strength of our movement, and it's

on that foundation that we will prosper and look to the future.

It is for God and True Parents, the central focus of history, and all brothers and sisters, as the central family in the eyes of God, that the school is named. Certainly I can say that Kpanyan Central is a school that true love built. □

IRFF Clinic Opens In Liberia

by Elizabeth Baatenburg

In the beginning of 1987, Josiane Buono and I went to the little village of Kabada in Liberia to start an IRFF clinic. The government originally had a clinic there, but due to lack of finances, it stopped functioning. A nearby bridge had collapsed, and the road was impassable in the rainy season, but after making some renovations and improvements, we reopened the clinic in November 1987.

At present, in addition to serving the people of Kabada and the surrounding villages, our clinic also serves the children from our newly-built Kpanyan Central School [see previous article].

Since November, we have treated over 1,000 patients, half of whom are new. During the rainy season, the number tends to drop slightly, but all in all,

things are moving along fine. Only a few cases have necessitated hospitalization in Greenville, the closest big town.

Filling a need

When I began working here, I felt we were doing almost nothing, because in the clinic where I had been working previously in Zambia, we treated an average of 150 patients a day. I have come to realize, however, that just being here for the people's sake is fulfilling a purpose in the providence. I am grateful for the experience I gained in Zambia, where I worked with the local doctors and learned from them about the various tropical diseases that our clinic is now treating.

Here in Kabada and the surrounding villages the people are generally very

poor; it is difficult for them to pay even the minimum fee we charge. But they are very happy to have this clinic nearby; otherwise they would have to walk for miles to find another one. They occasionally express their gratitude by bringing fruits to us.

Health care is not free in this country—people must pay for everything—but since we are a relief organization, we charge the bare minimum. Initially, we thought we could operate free of charge, but the medical officer in our county advised against this because, as he put it, "all the people will come from the surrounding villages, even where there are clinics, to get free medicine!" In fact, we experienced this when we first opened. Patients were coming from far away without money, many of them



walking for hours, because they thought our treatment was free.

The government of Liberia has the motto: "Health for All by the Year 2000." The countdown began on World Health Day, April 7, 1983. To accomplish this goal, the government aims to establish a health post in as many villages as possible. In many cases, however, this means a post run only by a "dresser," a person with no formal medical training who has picked up knowledge while assisting a doctor. Another problem is a severe lack of resources, such as

equipment, medicines, and personnel—although the government is training medical assistants at a fast rate.

"Better than a cure"

At our clinic, we want to support the government's goal as much as possible in providing not only medical care, but also health education. That "prevention is better than a cure" is well known in the medical field, but we find that this is still very much disregarded among the population. In 1983 the Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, created a comprehensive curriculum on health education for junior high schools. But so far this curriculum has not been imple-

mented in the schools; very few, if any, in the country teach it. Since Kpanyan Central School opened in Kabada under the direction of Steve Buono, I am happy to be able to teach health education there two periods a week, in accor-

ceived two large containers of medicines and other equipment from IRFF in America. We successfully donated these to the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, as well as to other major organizations, including the Red Cross

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dance with the health curriculum of the Ministry of Education.

Many of the cases we treat in our clinic could be prevented, especially malaria, intestinal parasites, diarrhea (particularly in children), skin diseases, and many other diseases related to poor nutrition and hygiene. Our plan is to expand our health education program to include adults in their villages. This is still very much in the future as we are not yet equipped to undertake such a project

Transportation is a big problem for us at present. Josiane and I live in Greenville, which is 30 kilometers away, and coming by taxi every day has its problems. It is a dirt road all the way, so with heavy rainfall, as in the rainy season, taxis cannot pass through.

We are grateful for all the support we are getting from abroad. Only last month, we re-

ceived two large containers of medicines and other equipment from IRFF in America. We successfully donated these to the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, as well as to other major organizations, including the Red Cross

Society of Liberia. There was a good response from the Ministry. They promised to distribute the medicines among all the government clinics throughout the country. All the major health organizations also expressed their gratitude. This event was covered by both the national press and the television network.

We feel this is just the beginning phase of our work here in Liberia. There is so much to do to help fulfill the vision of "Health for All by the Year 2000." I want to express my gratitude to all brothers and sisters in the mission countries and throughout the world. Let's march forward and bring victory for Heavenly Father and True Parents. □



Mrs. Baatenburg advises a patient in the clinic.



Elizabeth Baatenburg and her husband stand next to the newly-established IRFF clinic in Kabada.

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A Spirit of Caring Connects Africa and America

by Catherine Chesnut

Father said that when something good happens in our home church area, we must know that God has been preparing that situation for a long time.

When I first met Steve Buono, he was standing in front of a picture display in the World Mission Center lobby, seeking donations for a school project in a small village near Greenville, Liberia. I was so touched by his sincere love for and dedication to the children he wanted to serve that I felt moved to help with something more than just my personal donation. Our missionaries have long been in my prayers, and now Heavenly Father was giving me an inspiration to do something more substantial for them.

"Coincidentally," my husband Jerry and I know an interracial couple living in our Brooklyn, New York, home church area who met each other many

years ago when the husband was in the Peace Corps in the jungles of Liberia. They love each other very much, and he faithfully serves his wife's family back in Liberia, sacrificing much of his income to help clothe and house them and visiting them annually together with his wife.

We thought of our home church couple and told them about Steve's work and plans for the school in Greenville. To our surprise, we learned that the wife's clan lives in the same area that will be served by the school! When I found out that Steve was a native of Brooklyn, that ended all talk of "coincidence." Suddenly, our 360 homes had expanded to the other side of the globe.

We decided that a Christmas fund-

raising dinner would bring people together for a good cause and give them an opportunity for fellowship and to

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meet and hear our brother Steve. But I didn't want it to be just an ordinary dinner.

Heavenly Father was excited

Rev. Fred Wiggins, an ICC alumnus and a dear friend of ours, agreed to host the dinner in his nearby church. ICUSA donated a good portion of the food. I made flyers explaining the program and requesting a donation for the dinner. Then I distributed them in our home church area and around the World Mission Center.

My plans included a sumptuous international feast, a candy-filled piñata strung from the ceiling, festive Christmas decorations adorning the church hall, door prizes donated by generous merchants, little origami animal figures to greet the guests at their seats, and copies of the words to Christmas songs to unite us in heart.

During the hectic days of planning and preparation, I prayed for guidance and tried to invest myself 100 percent to make this event a success. It was at this time that I experienced tremendous supportive guidance, love, and energy from Heavenly Father. I felt like Heavenly Father was excited about this whole event from start to finish. I am slowly learning the importance of going ahead and actually planning events like



Celebrating the true spirit of Christmas at a Brooklyn fundraising dinner for Kpanyan Central School in Liberia. Standing, left to right: Jerry Chesnut, Mrs. Beatrice Wiggins, Waldron Harris, and Catherine Chesnut. Seated, left to right: Rev. Fred Wiggins and Mrs. Jestina Dietze.



dinners, outings, and meetings in our home church area. If I push ahead and make the initial arrangements, then I feel the spirit moving. I get inspired about details and what to do, and I receive the energy I need to do them. In the past, I have procrastinated too much. The spiritual support comes if I do my portion of responsibility to initiate give and take. Then everything always seems to take off from there. It's a great feeling.

That night, 33 guests attended, representing 13 countries. The buffet table was filled with favorite international dishes such as West African chicken and rice, American barbecued chicken and sweet potato casserole, Italian lasagna, Mexican guacamole with chips, Middle Eastern tabouli and humus, Japanese norimaki, and Afghan bread. There were lots of cakes, cookies, and fruit for dessert. The hit of the evening was a fantastic pot of shrimp, bluefish, and crab created by our home church Liberian friend, Jestina.

"A base for the love of God"

One of the highlights of the program came when Jestina, a middle-aged woman with a child's pure heart, sang a song about God in her native language. Try to imagine actually experiencing the sounds and the flavor of Africa in the basement of a Brooklyn church. We

could almost hear our African brothers and sisters singing with us through that simple song.

Father has said, "Home church is where we create a base for the love of God. All human beings can come together on this ground. We have talked about the True Parents, their heart, and so forth, but you don't really know them until you do home church."

In his inspiring message telling us about his hopes to build a school for children in Liberia, Steve told us, "True education is education of the heart—the knowledge and understanding that God loves and guides us as His own." He spoke of his experiences living in Africa for the last three years—and especially his longing for a way to create a place where pure relationships between teacher and student could be generated, a place for real education of the heart, which is every child's right by birth.

The children closed the delightful evening with the breaking of the piñata. One guest gave the ultimate compliment—he shared his experience of the whole evening by laughing and pointing to his head, heart, and stomach and saying that he had been "totally filled—here, here, and here." Everyone had had a great time. We all felt good—just simply good. A spirit of caring and giving had connected the two continents of Africa and America. Over 400 dollars had been collected in do-



"Suddenly, our 360 homes had expanded to the other side of the globe"—Missionary Steve Buono and Mrs. Jestina Dietze in front of the Liberian flag.

nations for Steve to start his school in Liberia. We had prayed, eaten, sung, laughed, and celebrated. Jerry and I felt so grateful for and proud of our dear brother Steve, and also his wife, who helps run an IRFF clinic in the same area. Through his sharing we could feel closer to our brothers and sisters working as missionaries all over the world and could understand their love and devotion to Heavenly Father and True Parents much, much more. □



A child swings heartily at the candy-filled piñata.



Members and home church neighbors enjoy the international meal.

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"BEACON OF TRUTH"

The New York City Tribune Praised by Conservative Leaders

by Robert Sells

The *New York City Tribune*, which began publishing on the last day of 1976, was, in a very real sense, a gift from Father to New York City. It was a gift of media diversity and therefore of press freedom—something which had been missing since the death of the *New York Herald Tribune* in 1966. In the interim, New York City had been under the control of the liberal media establishment.

On the evening of May 20, 1988, New Yorkers finally said "thank you" through a special meeting honoring the *City Tribune*, sponsored by the East Side Conservative Club, the most powerful conservative political club in New York. The meeting was held at the New York Hilton Hotel.

"It seems that Rev. Moon cares more

for the United States than does the United States, including Wall Street and all the Republicans put together," Russian writer and intellectual Lev Navrozov told a crowd of more than 800 New Yorkers. He was interrupted by applause as he was making this statement.

"The *New York City Tribune* is . . . absolutely a must for anyone who wants to know what's going on in the world, particularly for knowing what's going on in the conservative movement," said Thomas A. Bolan, chairman of the Club and a personal friend of President Reagan. Unlike *The New York Times* with its liberal spin, Mr. Bolan said, the *City Tribune* gives "both sides."

"The *City Tribune* is a beacon of truth in this city," said Dr. Herbert I. London,

dean of the Gallatin Division at New York University.

The mayor of New York City, Edward I. Koch, sent a letter expressing his best wishes, thanking the paper for "strengthening our city's reputation as a center of publishing and communications," and for helping "to assure that all points of view are represented on the city's newsstands."

In addition, Vice President George Bush and Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor of *The Washington Times*, sent messages of support for the *City Tribune*.

"We need to reach out!"

The audience then heard from Roy Innis, chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), a nationwide civil rights organization based in Brooklyn. "Censorship" by the liberal media, Mr. Innis said, is the central evil facing America in the last two decades of the 20th century. "If we're not able to break this censorship," he said, "America has one place to go, and that is down."

"We have one rare hope," he continued. "We have one bit of light in the tunnel, and that's the *New York City Tribune*, and its sister paper, *The Washington Times*."

"We need to reach out and support this paper!" the civil rights leader exclaimed. "We need to reach out and



Top: Roy Innis of CORE urges the crowd of over 800 people to support the *New York City Tribune*. **Left:** Dignitaries at the May 20 meeting. Left to right: Thomas Bolan, Robert Morton, Mrs. Robert Morton, Lev Navrozov, and Jin Soo Kyung, executive assistant to the *City Tribune*'s president, Chung Hwan Kwak.

encourage our associates to subscribe to it!"

The *City Tribune's* international security editor, Professor Albert Weeks of New York University, suggested that the Geraldine Ferraro "scoop" of 1984 [in which *City Tribune* investigative reporters discovered that the vice-presidential candidate's husband was involved in questionable business dealings] might well have influenced the outcome of the 1984 election.

The editor-in-chief of the *City Tribune*, Robert Morton, also gave a brief address, in which he thanked Unificationist businessmen for their support and declared that "unlike many in my profession, I believe in God."

"And above all," he said, "I am grateful to and deeply respectful of Rev. Sun Myung Moon for the courage of his convictions."

He urged the audience to "forget what you have read" about Rev. Moon, asking them whether they believed all the lurid allegations published about such conservative heroes as Raymond Donovan, former labor secretary in the Reagan administration; Edwin Meese III, the U.S. attorney general; former President Richard M. Nixon; and Roy Cohn, the late New York trial lawyer and former counsel to Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

"Far more freedom"

Contrary to what some expect from the church connection, Mr. Morton said, "Arnaud de Borchgrave and I have far more freedom of the press than Max Frankel at *The New York Times*." Mr. Frankel is executive editor of that publication, which is known to be beholden to a great web of political and business

interests.

When Mr. Navrozov gave his talk, the evening's main event, about the threat to Western civilization posed by the Soviet Union, he used part of his time to boost Father and the *City Tribune*. "I call on you," he urged potential subscribers and investors, "to step in and join Rev. Moon in that pro-defense revolution of media which is long overdue, which many pro-defense Americans have in vain been expecting for a long time, and without which Western civilization and, hence, freedom in this world will go under as a foregone conclusion."

He asked the listeners to invest in the *City Tribune* because it is "the most cost-effective newspaper."

"Perhaps there is money in the survival of Western civilization, and not only in its destruction," he said. □

SUMMARY OF REV. SUNG SAN LEE'S REPORT FROM KOREA

by Tyler Hendricks

Rev. Sung San Lee recently returned to the United States to serve as regional director in the New England region, after working for eight months in Korea helping to guide the organization of the CFUF on the national, state, city, village, and precinct levels.

The spread of radical Marxism-Leninism is on a rapid increase in Korea—on the campuses, in the churches and in the labor unions. Campuses in Seoul have the leftist look of Japanese campuses in the 1960's. Leftist propaganda is distributed widely, without regard for the laws prohibiting such publication. Most Koreans, from professors to farmers, are ignorant of the communists' deceptive promises, and enough fall prey to the emotional appeal for resentment and blame toward the current government to give the movement a sudden popularity. Permeating it all are the clear tones of Kim Il Sung's voice.

The major themes are: reunification of Korea and get the U.S. Army out. Why, after years of dormancy, has reunification become a popular cry in South Korea? Providentially and historically, it is due to our Father's establishment, one year ago, of the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland. Providentially, it is time for unification to come. But under which banner: God or dialectical materialism?

The appeal of the left, swaying between the euphoric belief in humanistic friendliness on one hand and the call for the violent overthrow of all existing structures on the other, always quickly grabs center stage. The appeal of God's side, calling for love, unity, forgiveness, sacrifice, and human responsibility, always takes longer to manifest its fruits.

The CFUF is a grass-roots movement for education about the errors and evil of communism and the principles of true unification centered on God. Its leadership is politically and religiously non-partisan and non-sectarian, consisting mainly of college professors. CFUF's seminars are attended by civic leaders and political candidates of all four parties. They become united in heart by an ideal that transcends their political platforms and personality allegiances. Many of the most prominent politicians, from all parties and levels of government, respect our Father as one of the greatest leaders Korea has ever produced.

This view is coming to be shared by the media as well, many of whose lead-

ers received a strong four-hour talk from Father after a banquet in his home in Seoul. Father's message to the politicians and media people is not one of appeasement and praise. Father chastises them strongly for rejecting his message 40 years ago, and tells them he has been waiting for the day when they would finally listen to God. He insists on a God-centered unity in South Korea, which will make the unification of the peninsula a viable possibility. North Korea will exploit disunity in the South and impose communist totalitarian rule in the name of "peace." South Korea, Japan, and the United States must maintain strong unity and harmony in order for freedom to endure and develop. The Soviet Union is now trying to win the friendship of South Korea for the purpose of utilizing South Korean labor and technology in Siberia. Such "friendship" will serve to isolate the Chinese, restricting their progress toward freedom and insuring Soviet dominance in the Far East. This would immediately neutralize Japan and leave the U.S. position in Korea extremely vulnerable. Father's strategy is for the close association of South Korea and China, which would isolate North Korea and the Soviets. This cooperation, together with the unity of South Korea, the United States, and Japan, will insure freedom in the South and provide the sure foundation for the unification of the Fatherland and its development into the God-centered, vital center for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. □

So we must all set an individual goal. Say to your own heart, "I am going to invest my total self and bring the territory I have chosen into total freedom, into total liberation from the bondage of sin." Where do we do this? In our hometown. Return to your hometown, and you are returning to that place on God's behalf, with the mission of God. As much as God devoted His entire energy for creation, you go to your hometown and devote your entire energy for the recreation of the people there.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
June 14, 1988