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At the June 14, 1990, Leaders' Conference at East Garden, a list of organizations and activities sponsored by the Unification movement was presented. Father himself noted that there were many more that had not been included, but below is a partial listing of organizations in the categories of religion, thought, education, media, arts, science, and industry. Even this incomplete list shows the overwhelming scope of True Parents' worldwide foundation and vision.

- 1920: • True Father born in Korea
- 1943: • Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity
- 1955: • Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principle (CARP) established in Korea to generate spiritual renewal among students
- 1958: • Missionaries sent to Japan
- 1959: • Missionaries sent to America
 - Tong-il—Korea, machine tools and electronics
- 1960: • Married Hak Ja Han
- 1964: • CARP established in Japan
- 1965: • The Little Angels; Korean traditional dance troupe
- 1968: • International Cultural Foundation (ICF), to promote academic, scientific, religious and cultural exchange
 - The International Federation for Victory over Communism (IFVOC)
 - Freedom Leadership Foundation
 - Hankook Titanium Co., Korea, pigment production company
- 1969: • Korean Cultural Foundation
- 1971: • Il-shin, Korea; marble works
 - Il Hwa, Korea; health company
- 1972: • Unification Thought Institute
- 1973: • CARP established in America
 - Professors' World Peace Academy (PWPA), chapters in 83 countries
 - *Monthly Forum*, Korean student newspaper
 - New Hope Singers International
- 1974: • Little Angels' School, Korea
- 1975: • Unification Church Missionaries sent to 120 nations
 - World Mission Center, 43-story building in New York
 - Unification Theological Seminary, New York,
 - *Sekai Nippo*, daily newspaper in Japan
 - New Future Films, United States
 - New York City Symphony
- 1976: • International Relief Friendship Foundation, Inc.
 - Go World Brass Band, United States
 - *New York City Tribune*, daily newspaper in New York
- 1977: • One Way Production, United States, movie production company
 - First Conference on World's Religions
- 1978: • Ocean Church
 - Kyungbok Primary School Korea
 - World Media Association, sponsors annual conference for journalists to examine responsibility of the media
 - FBI Press Agency
 - Il-sung General Construction, Korea
 - International Oceanic Enterprises, (IOE)
 - Artists' Alliance
- 1980: • CAUSA International
 - *Noticias Del Mundo*, daily Spanish-language newspaper, New York and California
 - *Today's World* magazine
- 1981: • Little Angels' Performing Arts Center, Korea
 - International Peace Foundation
 - *Ultimas Noticias*, Uruguay daily newspaper
 - International Highway Project
 - International Minority Alliance
 - New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA)
 - International Christian Professors' Academy
 - International Christian Students' Association
- 1982: • The Washington Institute for Values in Public Policy
 - Religious Youth Service (RYS)
 - *The Washington Times*, daily newspaper in Washington, DC
 - *Korea Times*, daily newspaper in New York City
 - *Weekly World Times*, newspaper in Korea
 - Sun Myung Moon Research Institute
- 1983: • International Religious Foundation (IRF)
 - *The Middle East Times*, weekly publication
 - Saeilo Machinery
 - Master Marine, ship building facility
 - Wacom, Japan, electronic research company
- 1984: • Paragon House Publishers, United States
 - International Security Council (ISC)
 - Sun Jyung Middle and High School in Korea
 - Council of the World's Religions
 - Association for the Unity of Latin America (AULA)
 - Universal Ballet Company
 - W.R.I.S.T., to develop new methods of high technology
- 1985: • Assembly of the World's Religions (AWR), quadrennial gathering of religious leaders
 - International Christians for Unity and Social Action (ICUSA)
 - Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy (ICC), to foster Christian unity
 - *Insight*, weekly news magazine
 - *The World & I*, monthly academic journal
- 1986: • Sông-hwa Theological Seminary, Korea
 - Il-hung, Korea, ship building company
 - Coalition of Students for the Unification of North and South
 - Coalition of Professors for the Unification of North and South
- 1987: • The Summit Council for World Peace
 - Engineering School at Youngmyung University, China
 - American Constitution Committee
 - The Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland
 - Artists' Association International (AAI)
- 1988: • Korean Consumers' Association
- 1989: • Panda, China, automobile manufacturing plant
 - Universal Ballet School opens in Washington, DC
 - *Segye Ilbo*, daily newspaper in Korea
 - National Teachers' Divine Principle Research Institute
- 1990: • Eleventh World Media Conference, in Moscow
 - Third Summit Council, in Moscow

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Inherit My Heart

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

EXCERPTS FROM THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE AT EAST GARDEN

JUNE 14, 1990

Translated by Col. Sang Kil Han

Those who understand my Korean, raise your hands, please. How long has it been since I warned you that you should understand me in Korean? This is not what I am directing—Heaven directs you to do this.

You should not just tag along after me. Though you've been going along with me, you have never been very much part of each stage, which has been accompanied by very intensive indemnity. You have to understand clearly that we are in two different positions. You try to assess my position

whether it will be from Japan, China, or even Korea.

Look at America and the Soviet Union. What used to be accepted as true 10 or 20 years ago is now no longer true. Intelligent people increasingly realize that solutions are not in democracy or in left or right wings, but in headwing centered on God. Eventually Godism must be the absolute standard of value because God is an Absolute Being.

The problem in this complicated modern society is that the center has been lost; so how can the world leaders solve their problems? "Ism" means lifestyle, a systematic way to live on the individual to the cosmic level. Our lifestyle and its accu-



based on your own habits of thinking and behavior. You have not yet emerged brand new from your old style of life to live in a different world. You must understand that my heart is to grow you so that I can take you anywhere I go, and you will be ready.

It is the Pacific era. In the future the top leadership of the world may be Oriental instead of white as it has been so far throughout thousands of years. People are beginning to grasp the possibility of non-white leadership and to speculate

culated results are passed down through the family and out into the nation, world, and cosmos. Until now there have been many kinds of "isms", but they didn't have the eternal direction of God's Will. Americanism centers on Americans, Sovietism centers on the Soviet people, communism centers on communist people. Now we need the absolute unchangeable direction for the individual, family, society, nation, and cosmos, including the spiritual world. Such direction is none other than headwing Godism, a style of living centered on

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God which connects all of these levels.

PARENTS' LANGUAGE

The direction of history is inevitably toward unity. Everything is coming into one, not being divided into many. Language plays a very important role. What kind of language can be used for the human family? You must be familiar with the language True Parents speak so you can receive my guidance directly. Take this very seriously. This is not just expedience. All your ancestors and future descendants will want to speak and understand the Parents' language so you have to learn Korean. Because we must solve this problem I suggested bringing the elder blessed children to the Little Angels' School to be taught.

When your child is blessed and the two speak Korean to each other, you cannot ask them to speak English to you. They will wonder why you didn't learn Korean when I first asked it of you. Now many Japanese parents are visiting the Little Angels' School. Their children see their parents speaking Japanese and wonder, "Why don't you learn Korean?" If you don't, you will be in separate, different worlds and cannot connect in the future.

The purpose of being married to a Korean or to learn Korean is not to be close to Koreans, per se, but to me, my culture and foundation. You need to learn my concept and thinking. I am making the new cultural foundation.

The Korean language is difficult to learn, isn't it? [Yes] At least you understand now what everybody had to go through to learn English! You might say that I am trying to negate other languages, but it's not that at all. There should be one language, period.

Also, our major church leaders are Koreans because they can best connect with me through my language. Therefore, if you are going to be a leader of substantial standing, you must learn Korean. When leaders get together, they should converse in Korean, however imperfect their knowledge is. There was a time when knowing the Latin language was a must if you were going to be a leader, scholar, or cultivated person. But now to best understand God, serve the world, and live a godly way of life, you must know Korean. You should learn it quickly and be proud of being able to speak Korean. I expect all of you to fully understand the importance of learning Korean. Otherwise you will lose your qualification as a leader.

Many scholars are studying Korean because they want to read my original speeches, which contain the solution to today's problems. These speeches comprise about 200 volumes. Did you read those books? How serious are you? Even though you cannot speak Korean, you should have given attention to it. If you do not understand what I have been teaching, how can you say you grafted onto Father? Those who can say, "Father, I do understand deeply and I will try to learn Korean," raise your hands.

In the diplomatic world the best interpreters are Koreans because their pronunciation is almost as good as that of a na-

tive person. In Japan, recently they found out that once you learn Korean, other languages will follow with relative ease.

THE KOREAN CHARACTER

Korean has very rich adjectives. You might say black is black, but the Korean language has dozens of subcategories of black. The Korean practice of pursuing philosophical matters and analyzing almost instantly without even realizing it is a day-to-day thing, so what goes on in the Korean mind is much more than in the mind of average people. In one word, they are very spiritual. They mean a lot when they say something. After you master Korean, you will say: "Father, I never thought Korean was that deep." English and Japanese have their strong points, but Korean conveys a lot of complicated thought instantly.

Living in the center of China, Russia, and Japan, the Koreans grasped the essence of these separate languages and assimilated them into Korean. Your imagination is too limited to grasp what kind of trouble Koreans went through during their 5,000 year history. Those with power would simply come, fight, and occupy Korea. The Chinese always respected the Koreans for their spirituality and wisdom. All Koreans respect Confucianism very much, but Confucius himself respected Koreans.

Koreans are very particular in many ways. They don't marry persons from other countries so easily. Koreans seriously misunderstood my motivation in arranging international marriages, and only now begin to understand. I am marrying Koreans with people of all different nations as a pure offering. Historically, chastity is everyday language in Korea and the Korean woman has been more pure than anybody else. Especially in the past, when her husband died, she would never think about getting married again. If somebody raped her, almost surely she would die. That kind of superior sense of chastity is part of their culture. A woman who doesn't keep her chastity is ostracized by her whole clan. They are very strict. Between Korean and American women is a world of difference. One is closer to heaven.

If you compare Korean, Chinese, and Japanese, one noticeable characteristic of Koreans is their openness; they became this way in order to survive among many strong nations. It's amazing that they did not lose their culture and identity despite being invaded over 900 times. Also, they kept a high standard of morality.

The Koreans were always very eager to learn from other people and cultures. As a result, Koreans tend to play an important central role. For instance, when Japan occupied China, they always used a Korean interpreter because no one can translate between the two languages better than a Korean.

In 1971 when I came here, there was a Korean population of 130,000. Today there are over one million. Most surpass a middle class living standard in less than five years. Why? With training from living in the eight different Korean provinces, which are almost like different countries, the Korean

How much have you loved mankind? How hard have you tearfully worked for the righteous way? As you create that kind of lifestyle, you are automatically making the foundation for a new tradition all over the world.

has learned how to conduct himself so as to prosper amidst diverse people.

BECOME VERSATILE

In America people specialize in only one thing. If you are an engineer, you don't think about doing anything else. Koreans are multi-specialists. They can learn a trade within weeks, because you simply cannot make a living in Korea from knowing only one trade. Someone may ask you to come do one thing and then say, "By the way, can you also do something else?" A person who can, is the person who survives.

I am explaining in detail what Koreans are like because you are all second Koreans. When you become as versatile as Koreans, you can best serve the world. Rev. Moon is known as an evangelist, industrialist, culturalist, religious leader, mountain man, wilderness man, and fisherman. There is no area that I do not know. I believe firmly that a leader must be like that. If I am thrust into any strange culture, I know I can not only survive, but also lead.

When I was a small child, I experienced everything. If I concentrated on catching an animal, I could catch a dozen a day. All I need is a set of pliers, and No. 8 wire and I can make and set a trap at the right place. There is no way I will starve. Even in just shorts and a tee shirt I can talk to fishermen for one-half hour and they will immediately respect me. They will say, "Don't go back. Stay with us."

Americans go for enjoyment like the grasshopper in Aesop's fable about the grasshopper and the ant. The ant stocks up for winter, but the grasshopper is not prepared and dies when the weather becomes harsh. Which should we be, the grasshopper or the ant?

I have endured incredible suffering and persecution. I have established *The Washington Times*, started up businesses and bought warehouses, preparing for the future. Now people are beginning to see what we have done, and it is time to integrate this foundation.

Did you know that I moderated a very serious confrontation between the black and Korean communities here in New York? When the Korean grocers went into the black community, the blacks were alarmed because Koreans work so hard and efficiently. They are very serious and eager to succeed. This is why Korean immigrants will rise up in leading positions over all America.

In their grocery stores tremendous time is taken to wash and arrange their produce. It is like an art stand. Other non-Korean operated grocery stores may be very sloppy. Koreans

go to the produce market at 3:00 a.m., half an hour earlier than the competitors, to get the best produce. Their home may be very poor but they keep their store like a palace.

Also, Koreans are very generous; wherever they go, they liberally give gratuities up to three times what the Japanese do. They think: I will not be outdone by Americans, Chinese, or Japanese. If Jewish, American, Japanese, and Korean people go together to a restaurant for something to eat and the



Father prays at East Garden after his release from Danbury.

bill comes, everybody tries to figure out how much he has to pay, but Koreans just pay it themselves. By the time the Korean does that three times other people think he must be very well off; but in fact, he is the poorest of all.

THE VICTORIOUS PATTERN

Because Koreans have endured much difficulty they are not afraid of difficult situations. They have guts. Wherever they go, they have the same pattern of success because Korea is a prophetic nation. Koreans know through keen spiritual sense that the world is bound to become unified. God is sending Koreans everywhere so they can later play a role, perhaps through education, in creating the unified country.

Korea has four distinct seasons so they can adapt to any climate around the world. In Saudi Arabia, the Koreans made more advances than any other nationality. No laborer can withstand that constant heat better than a Korean.

You have to be like this. Even though it is painful you

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have to look at it straight. If I gave one Korean leader and one American leader five missions to do at the same time, the Korean would start spinning like crazy. He would set up priorities and start working. The American would be confused and wouldn't know what to do. He would just stand still reasoning why he cannot do all those things saying, "I don't accept this kind of direction. How can you expect me to do this?"

But who survives in the harsh world of competition? The only way we can win over the person who persecuted us is to do three times more than they. I have done that, so am I victorious or defeated? I literally do dozens of things and make many decisions in one day. I want you to survive as a victor and that's why you have to adopt my pattern in place of the American way. If I place you in an important position, do you think you can fulfill that mission? If I am behind you, you can do anything.

I have been telling you to work harder and be persecuted. Where is proof of that work now? I need that work as resource material to make a bigger event happen now. How much have you loved this country? How much have you loved mankind? How hard have you tearfully worked for the righteous way? As you create that kind of lifestyle, you are automatically making the foundation for a new tradition all over the world; then history will take a new direction. With that kind of resource material, you can take leadership throughout the world. But if you don't have it what can we do? Shall I wait for you or take another way?

Look back five or ten years. Didn't you sometimes feel, "Father is Oriental, so he teaches an Oriental concept because he doesn't know the American concept"? In your mind you complained every time against me. If I had followed the American leaders' advice as to what I should do and how I should do it in America, do you think I would be where I am today? "Father, we can do it ourselves far better than the Japanese leaders here." You may think like that, but you have to stick to Father strongly, and I know we cannot stick together without a bond. The Japanese members can be this bond to graft us.

CAN YOU SAVE THIS COUNTRY?

Years ago, people thought I was a dictator and would rule the world ruthlessly. But now I am in my seventies and nobody thinks Rev. Moon will make it to be a dictator. Do you accept that too? I have worked for decades here in America and the world for only one purpose: to save America. By all of you doing as I did, America will have hope. There is no other way to resurrect America.

World youth are following the actions of American youth. Do you think we can save American youth by just sitting down and thinking about it? Even if we walk about crying, desperately trying to save them, it is not enough. Like Don Quixote, challenge the impossible tasks. Hundreds of thousands of new Don Quixotes should rise up.

Jesus was like Don Quixote in trying to cope with the whole world single-handedly. By the same token Rev. Moon is the Don Quixote of the twentieth century, striving to accomplish an enormous task. Frankly, everyone thought it was impossible, but I have done it.

Have all of you done as I have done? Then how can I expect you to do the right things now? I can cut everyone off, or maybe uproot them. If I uproot you, then you can no longer continue. But if I cut everyone off, maybe a new shoot will come out of you that can graft to me.

You have become accustomed to just listening to me and following my advice, never working on your own. Did anyone think after Washington Monument that we should do the same rally in Moscow years later? Have things happened the way I predicted or not? How can you say now, "No, Father, we are not going to repeat the same mistake again"? Have you ever stopped to think that if you don't do it, you can be replaced by theologians, scholars, or ministers who can do the job better?

What I have done is something history has never seen. I know now is the time to approach many high-level people. Do we have enough ability to persuade people to sign the resolution for world peace? Can you go to the governor's office and say, "America is crumbling down. Who will save this country? You are a leader so please teach me how to save this country of America." Do you have that kind of guts, that confidence in what you stand for?

It is a serious question because the saving of America literally depends on this. I am not saying, "You do that as I watch." I have already worked way ahead to reach people in important positions.

INHERIT GOD'S TRADITION

Ask yourself how many signatures do you think you can get. Decide here, then pledge to yourself and to God to accomplish this. Write down how many spiritual children you have. If you have many who have worked in different missions, you can be proud and confident that you are walking the path of a righteous person.

Set a goal and while we're doing that, we should make a donation every month to a central fund. We need this fund to help educate 240 million Americans. Now that America understands the new direction for survival, she should provide the money with which we can educate the American youth. One hundred people educated will, in turn, bring in another hundred. Without this happening, we just talk year after year and never accomplish anything. We must get the work done now.

Japan is undertaking a huge fundraising campaign for educating youth all around the world. They will use this money to build up organizations through which we can work better and faster so as not to get behind the times; but you will have to earn the money for your own country.

I won't live on earth forever. You and all your relatives

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must inherit the practice of God's tradition so that His Will can be done on earth. We need to bring many people, and they in turn will bring many more to hear the thought I have introduced. We cannot let America perish.

Here is a simple way to look at it: "About Face" is a military term that means, "Turn around and go in the opposite direction." The first will then be the last. America has been the leader of the whole world. When the time of transition comes and God says "About face," America will suddenly find herself embarrassingly last in the rank. But Americans must go beyond their pride and be grateful, "Oh, God, you came to make us understand that which we never understood."

Who should lead the new rank? Korea represents Adam's position, Japan—Eve's position, and America represents the archangel. I want members of these three nations, namely you, to stand in front of everyone. But you are still inadequate. Should we do away with you? Or should we rearrange you and start all over again? [Rearrange] This is a serious time when you say, "Father, give us a few more months to prove ourselves worthy." Now is the time for you to cling to Father.

A similar time happened in 1975 when I brought every major leader in the movement to become a student in Barrytown for three years. The members were flabbergasted and wondered how the church would continue. But I started again with new leaders who had never before been central figures. Again, I might place any one of you in an assignment that you had never dreamed of; then a new leader will emerge. I might ask 150-180 of you to become overseas missionaries. You should be proud to start a brand new life. Because of the bad habits and mannerisms you have developed, it's not healthy for your spiritual growth to stay in the same position. You should see such a change as good re-education and an opportunity to rededicate yourselves.

CAN YOU KEEP UP?

The Russian people are the elder sons. As Abel, we are the second sons. But if the Soviet Union repents to God and Father deeply because of what they have not known, saying, "We will serve you and do what you wish us to do," what will you do? Russia can become very effective. When the Soviet people open up their minds and say: "Forget about communism; now we are going to God," the whole system will go to God very quickly. Should we remain here to be persecuted? If Russia welcomes us, shouldn't we go there? What about America then? I am saying this because that day is coming soon. Should I make some arrangement before I leave here or just take off without any regard for what will happen to America? When Americans leave, they don't even say goodbye. To just leave like that is a very offensive and discourteous thing to do, so I will tell you when I am leaving.

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igently. I rarely sleep and while I am awake, I am working. All my life I have always been on the front line. I never sat back and just gave instructions to you. What is the proper attitude of indebted people? When we owe something to someone, we feel ashamed.

World leaders may not be able to see me when they desire, but you can come almost any time to see me. Do you know what this means? I have opened up to you and continued to raise you. But now we are entering a time when I may only be able to see those who have been the presidents of universities or nations. At that kind of a meeting, the Unification Church will be represented by only one person, not by many like today. There is so much left to do, that I don't have time to see so many different people.

Project yourselves ten years ahead and ask, "Did I do what Father told me?" If not, you will be the losers. I will be traveling extensively in Korea, Japan, America, Germany and the Soviet Union, working to unify the world. Ten years will go quickly—we have only so many years to accomplish this task. Are you going to do it or are you going to let the current world leaders do it, even though they don't deeply understand God's idea?

Educating people is a war, because they don't easily listen. You have to fight against the evil in them and bring them into good. No matter how powerful a nations' leaders are, you can teach them how to lead in the correct way.

GOD'S PEACEMAKERS

I am a history maker. Now that opposition to me is over, my job is to make peace. People feel that religious, political, and business leaders should be like me. My goal in business, for example, is to equalize the technology—to serve the world by sharing knowledge and resources so that all can benefit. Perhaps 60,000 people starve to death daily. Who is seriously thinking about feeding them?

A world-level bank is necessary to go beyond the boundaries of any one nation. This bank will not lend to individuals, but only to nations. The world is coming into unity, which means that independent governments will merge into one to be more operable on a global scale. Only global thinking and institutions can solve the world's economic problems.

As a food source, the land is severely limited, but the ocean resources remain boundless. One female fish may lay millions of eggs, but the natural rate of hatching is only about .8 of one percent. However, with technology and proper management you can approach a 100 percent hatching rate. And if you control the food chain, it will go on limitlessly as a food resource. That is why I took an enormous interest in the ocean many years ago. Everything I have been doing my entire life is for the sake of mankind.

We are coming into an age that is different from the one we grew up in. The biggest problem is the environment. As a result of the deterioration of the ozone layer the temperature is rising. We have to change our lifestyle to reestablish a bal-

Can you do whatever I ask you to do? If you say, "Father I will do it, but I will do one thing at a time" then I will say, "You are not worthy of being in the Unification Church."

ance with the environment.

In the future small towns may have a building containing a huge fish tank in which fish are being hatched and matured. All the people will need to do is to buy a fish and eat it—raw. The best health food is raw food. The Japanese live the longest because they eat a lot of fish. The whole fish, including the head, is best for your nutrition. No carnivorous animal eats just a fillet and throws the rest away. Man is the only one who doesn't eat the whole fish.

If you have a vegetable, clean it and eat all of it—the roots and the greens. This will provide a balanced diet and prevent illness. Young people will eat young vegetables, while older people will wait until the vegetable gets older. Eating food raw is the natural way. This is the best way to maintain good health.

Why do we have to spend a grueling 20 years in school, from kindergarten to PhD.? I feel you can do it in 10 years. All you need is basic knowledge, which could come from video tapes. You don't need to go to school; you could just study by yourself and then pass an examination.

I am also devising a way we can have complete access to any food we want in only 15 minutes. You could order by computer and, at a set time, healthy, unprocessed food is delivered. You won't need to spend any time in preparation. What will you do with all this extra time? Are you going to kiss all day except when eating?!

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

Life here on earth could become very boring; therefore, we would have to know the immense spirit world. Prayer and clean life will open the untapped fantastic realms of the spirit world—music of a kind that we have never heard on this earth; dancing, playing too. We can make friends with the angels. As if through a time machine, the best singer in history can come and perform for us. How much more enjoyable it

will be than our limited physical life!

Do you think Father is a big dreamer? No, I am a man of reality. In the future man won't be in a rat race but will spend more time traveling and appreciating different aspects of nature. There will be flying apparatus much simpler to use than the helicopter; you just push a button and fly. I encourage Unification women to learn boating and fishing. Your chil-



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dren will say, "Our parents are special parents." They will feel how brave you are.

Can you do whatever I ask you to do? If you say, "Father, I will do it, but I will do one thing at a time" then I will say, "You are not worthy of being in the Unification Church." The one who is ready to live anywhere is the kind of person Father needs. By living in many places you can find the center and become fuller, more experienced people.

You will never perish, if you follow my example. With that confidence, keep on running day and night. To become a marathon champion takes many hours of training. Which is more difficult and requires the most training: to be a marathon champion or to be sons and daughters of God? [Sons and daughters of God.] You must overcome all difficulties.

Not once since the earth came into being 4.5 billion years ago and man was created 250 million years ago, has God's

ideal of creation been realized. Has our Parent God been sad or happy? For the first time in history a handful of people are realizing how sad God has been. Many religious people believe that God is happy and can do anything. We are the only ones who say, "No He cannot." When God is sad, can we be cheerful? Our knowledge that love and happiness comes only in a reciprocal relationship is essential in understanding the intimate nature of God.

God needs everything we need, and He absolutely needs true love more than anything. No matter how much He possesses, He would cast everything away in exchange for true love. You too—if you find true love, you can cast out your life with no problem.

We need a clear idea of a personal God, the God with a character. Then for the first time we can talk and think about His feelings: His joy, sadness, and anger. Such understanding of God does not exist in the present religious world. But we know how intimate and warm the relationship of true love should be as expressed by saying, "God, You are our Parent" and God saying, "You are my children."

SYMPATHY FOR GOD

I have taught you that only when we give and take completely with the Absolute Being do we become a part of Him. This vertical relationship is the key to God's becoming perfect Himself. When God loves me and I love Him, I become an absolute being like God Himself is.

The trouble with existing theologies is that the individual is supreme. Some Christians say only they will be saved and everybody else will go to hell. They don't believe that God's heart is for everybody. Since God is one and absolute, He does focus on one religion. We understand that God works through the Unification Church, but He loves and wants to embrace everybody—believers and non-believers, those in heaven and those in hell.

As you listen to me, how serious should you be? I am saying that not one moment during billions of years of creation was God happy. How does that strike you? How lonely God has been for thousands of years! As God's children we need to have profound sympathy for God. How painful it is to have no object. Once we feel this compassion for God, we cannot go out and play. Don't assume that God is happy without you!

When I am really serious, I cannot pray. I already know how difficult God's situation is, and I will work hard because I know even without praying what God needs. Then when I exhaust my resources, I will say, "God, You know what I have done; if You want, would You help me? But I will un-



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derstand if You don't help me." Actually, I've always felt that God has helped me more than I even realize. People who say to God: "Oh Father, give this to me, give that to me" don't understand how to love God.

Through the law of indemnity, step by step I worked to fulfill God's dispensation. I shed my old skin for a new one over and over. Now for the first time in history I see great hope for both mankind and God.

Indemnity—that almighty rule that works. Do you like indemnity? If you understand it you will love it. You can recite individual indemnity, family indemnity, clan indemnity, national indemnity, world indemnity, but have you experienced any one of them in depth? No! Therefore, how can you say that you understand indemnity?

What kind of resolution do you think I needed when I realized my mission was to indemnify 4,000 years of failure in 40 years in order to keep God from losing everything? Can you imagine how intense it has been for me? How serious do you think I was 40 years ago? How pressured I was to become victorious!

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Historically, how many women enticed men? Have you ever imagined how many different women tried to attract me and even crawled into my bedroom in the middle of the night? When I look back at all those painful events I could really come to hate women, but I know I have to save even those people, otherwise Satan will never leave them. I spent a good deal of time going through this struggle to win over that kind of situation.

STANDARD OF LOVE

Do you understand the standard I had to achieve? Imagine hundreds of naked beautiful women; being thrown into that group of women, still I cannot show any response. I had to reach there and come back without making a mistake.

This is the reality you have to fight. After I went through that, God said, "Son, I can trust you." I had to prove it.

Your love for me is the natural love of an original being attracted to original nature. Adam and Eve fell because of unethical love. To be restored, women need to experience father's love, elder brother's love, and husband's love through Father—and avoid the act of the fall.

This has been the most difficult trap in the practice of religion. The spirit world will come and tell a holy man, "Go ahead and act as a husband to her." In the past such a person never understood he was being tested or that he was about to violate the law of creation, so almost always the man of deep religious faith failed at this point. Once he committed the act itself, there was no way he could be restored again—he might have to wait thousands of years. Most holy men never got to that point, but even if they did, no one succeeded. I was the first person to succeed because I discovered the Principle. It enabled me to survive. If I didn't know the Principle, I would have been seduced in many different areas.

Only when you give your own wife up to be embraced eternally by your enemy can you grasp the seriousness of God's heart. Through the fall, His enemy Satan snatched His bride-to-be and made her into his own wife. How can we understand that heart without experiencing the same situation? Loving your enemy is easy compared to giving your wife away to your own enemy! Do you understand that is God's most difficult agony? Satan knows this very well, therefore he cannot confront God face to face.

Do you think that it is going to be easy to win or that you can become God's sons and daughters just by calling yourselves His children? You must really feel that "I would never be where I am today except through the compassion and love of True Parents. I could never come here in my own right. Our True Parents brought me to this point and allowed me to stand where I am today at this glorious time in history." When you say that to God, He will respond, "Yes, you understand your situation." Satan will leave you. But if you say, "Well I worked myself up to where I am," then Satan will accuse you. You have to cross that line of demarcation with your own two feet—then neither God nor Satan can say anything.

To cross that line, you have to be willing to give up your own life. That is difficult to do. That is why the Bible says those who are willing to die will live. Your own physical family may say, "Why don't you seek fame and money and be happy?" not realizing what happiness is. The Bible says in the Last Days your own family is your enemy. Many Christians don't understand the deepest meaning of this.

Do you think this is totally true or just a made-up story? You must understand how serious I have been. Until this time, when I told you to do something, you complained, "Father, why do you want to go such a difficult way?" Now you need the heart to repent and be grateful with tears. You are completely wrong if you think you are worthy at all. You have to cry in repentance for complaining and not understanding True Parents' love. Your conscience has to clearly sense how I still love you no matter how hateful your individual self has been.

There is nothing you should be proud of at this moment. You may have joined the Unification Church earlier than others; but have you just received all the time or have you helped Father? You didn't even understand what I was doing. But I prevailed because I adhered to that one principle: "I am the parent to them and since parents made the mistake in the Fall, it is Parents' responsibility to restore that." Without this feeling I could never have continued to love you when you rebelled so much against me.

FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

In August 1989 as I was leaving America, I proclaimed the end of the salvation era. That means salvation is no longer our goal; how to love is our goal. On September 1st, the Day of Heavenly Parentism was proclaimed. Standing in the vertical position, I brought all Unification sections into unity. Then on February 27, 1990, I proclaimed the kingdomship in heaven and on earth.

At the World Media Conference the Soviets felt a closeness to me, like I was their father or elder brother—certainly not an enemy. You can imagine that the powerful KGB did a complete investigation of me. The Soviets want to know from Rev. Moon what their future is now that communism is crumbling. They are smarter and more serious in their thinking than America. So helping to shape the future of the communist world is no problem.

After I came back to Korea from the Moscow rally, I could proclaim that True Parents have been received by all nations. Otherwise, there is no hope for a future Korean independent nation.

I am always making preparations to save the whole world and I built much of this foundation even while fighting a criminal charge and being imprisoned. By establishing *The Washington Times*, *Insight* magazine, *The World & I*, and the Media Center, I was taking a positive step toward saving this nation of America even though it had declared itself my enemy during the court case.

God travels absolutely vertically—man on the east side and woman on the west side of this vertical line make true love spread out horizontally for the first time, multiplying until the end of time.

Shall we make the Federation for World Peace or not? [Yes!] Everything is ready. The Summit Club and all its different chapters are ready to take off. The representatives of PWPA can introduce a small booklet showing what I have organized in the past.

There are a great number of organizations. So instead of trying for an individual's signature, aim for the head of an organization to sign representing his own group. If 100,000 heads of such organizations sign, then the represented members will number in the millions.

BE STRONG AND FAITHFUL

We have created many organizations to help save the world. No matter how long it takes the administration to listen, I will be waiting to show America how to help the world transform itself into this new era. There is only one leader working for the world—Reverend Moon. Other leaders must understand that clearly. They will have to learn from someone and that person is standing here: Father!

Likewise, you should have no problem because I have made the foundation throughout the world, so using my name will give you the headway you need to influence your own areas. The first time you heard my advice, you felt: "I don't like that." You couldn't understand my wisdom. Although you changed a few years later, you had a wrong attitude towards me. But from now on, I hope you will have a righteous attitude. When God looks down at my righteous way of life and sees American leaders taking that same direction, then He has hope for America. It is clear then that from now on, you must take a more righteous attitude.

A short time ago, I went to Washington, DC and asked non-church members working with *The Washington Times* to sign the recommendation for the Federation for World Peace. They said, "Yes, Rev. Moon of course!" They gladly signed it. I have had strong confidence for a long time that I can save America. Who will be the winner? Rev. Moon. You have that power as well. When you return to your states, be confident and visit everyone; talk with them and answer their questions. Can you do it or not? Can do! That is a very hopeful sound.

No matter how powerful a person you are facing, you must stand as strong as a statue against them. You need the strength of a bull and faith as deep as Joshua and Caleb. With that kind of power in your heart, God will work in a big way.

You can do it, can't you? You cannot help but be excited. That is the way fortune will be for us—the world will get excited to help.

What does man need most in his future? God. Are my words real or not? Very real. Tell yourself: "I will follow Father's lifestyle completely." God will testify to my persevering through a 10 year course to connect with the path of true love. When I look behind me, my efforts resulted in a mountain of high power. Others see that mountain and say, "How could you climb up that?" No problem, I answer: "I was

climbing up to God." If you always climb to the highest ideal, the creative power will be there.

You must climb that tower, for until you have had that experience, you cannot clearly understand God. You cannot just hear of someone else doing it, or watch others doing it, you must experience it yourself; otherwise you can never know God close up nor understand God's love for you.

Rev. Moon discovered this wonderful principle by continually following that formula way. Continually going this way results in the world of parentism. Can you do this as I have done it? You have to hold to this concept, forgetting everything else in your past.

When you wash your face each morning, look at your eyes in the mirror, saying, "These eyes, what do you see? With these eyes I want to see only God's true love, with God as the absolute subject of the Heavenly Kingdom. But I haven't seen that. Who can liberate me?" Connect every historical situation in the world to your five senses, asking the same question of each of them every morning.

When you are grooming yourself in the morning, ask yourself: "What kind of purpose do I have?" If your answer is, "For God, for Father" then you're okay. For the original world or true country is okay too. With that kind of questioning, you can arrange your time during the day. Each morning you should erase your past; don't even think about it.

What you eat, to love as husband and wife, and sleeping—these three elements are the "enemies" that can work against you. Satan can tempt you and confront you in these three areas: eating, sleeping, and love life. You must be in command of them, not commanded by them.

If everyone was able to take that zero point, then they could achieve victory 100%. You must put everything you've got into it, then you automatically become an original zero point. You will feel exhilarated after that experience, for it is the secret to contacting true love. The zero point is the only place where you can contact God's world; if you have any selfish desires in your heart, you cannot be a part of God's world. Working the formula way is the only way to realize this zero point.

I look at everyone from this perspective; I do not look at PhDs any differently. From this viewpoint, I would have a lot of comments to make to the doctors here: "Why can't they throw everything away? Why can't they become zero when they experience true love?"

CONNECT TO THE ABSOLUTE VERTICAL

In fact, when I look at you, many of you look like animals spiritually. You too, will have that experience. The spirit world is exactly like that. I have always had that ability and in the early days, this skill was really formidable. But I tried not to use it and to simply embrace and accept everyone.

We have a sister who is called Deacon Shin, whose spiritual communication is very accurate. She, who doesn't speak

a word of English, can translate into her Korean tongue exactly what an English-speaking person is saying. That's the way it should be for all Unification Church members—our spirits should be very sensitive.

The speed of love is faster than the speed of light. So the moment you think about someone whom you love, it travels in a fraction of a second. Where do you think God's love and man's love meet—where is the point of connection? [In the marriage partnership.] Yes, but where is the precise meeting point?

Your holy love place is where woman's blood lineage, man's blood lineage, and God's love will connect all at the same time.

God travels absolutely vertically. But man on the east side and woman on the west side of this vertical line, make true love spread out horizontally for the first time, multiplying until the end of time. True man and true woman meet at the vertical line, touching it at the same time and then true love bursts out. Who is the center? God. God is the center and the ultimate vertical true love power.

How can man and woman make a 90 degree angle? True love power is the best and shortest way. God's love travels along the vertical line, so the best shortcut is a completely vertical line. There is only one angle which is 90 degrees and that is the route of true love.

Your mind is a vertical place, while your physical body is completely horizontal. Looking at this in a 90-degree angle relationship means that your mind is completely plus, your body is completely minus, and must ultimately combine into one. During the process of resurrection, your mind is on God's side and a plus, while your body is on Satan's side and a minus, locked into a power struggle. The mind world calls on you to forsake all other concepts and desires—forsaking Satan's world and yourself. Can you dominate temptations and deny your fleshly desires?

Many people in the world today use the word "liberate." First you must liberate yourself. How can you resurrect yourself in a flesh body which is on Satan's side and is the foundation of Satan's power over you?

POWER OF PRAYER

The reason for making your flesh weak is so that your original mind can control it easily. Many people can't restrain themselves in this way. But standing in such a vertical position—a position of prayer—gives your mind power four or



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five times greater than you would otherwise receive. If you frequently receive that kind of power, then you can control the flesh with no problem. So there are only two ways of accomplishing this: one is putting your body in a weak position, the other is making a strong mind position by receiving vertical power and controlling the fleshly desires. I am teaching you the secret of controlling yourself.

There are three abilities needed to be a leader: (1) we should be able to lecture Divine Principle persuasively; (2) have diplomatic power and ability; (3) and have independent economic power—we should not rely on someone for the money, but should produce our own. Without these three qualities, we cannot be leaders of the Unification Church. You need good reasoning or a rational foundation together with a good theory or theology. To gain that, we must simply study.

Now you can understand and listen very closely to what I am saying. But in the beginning, I could not speak a word of English and had to speak through an interpreter. You can imagine how difficult it must have been. This is your country: you were born and educated in an advanced country. You have the same cultural background, so all you need now is a strong spirit. You already have everything else you need: reasoning and rationale. American members should love other American people more than I love America or at least, you must love America as much as I love it.

Do you imagine that I created all over organizations on a whim? No! I thought deeply about each one!

Americans have a gold mine in me and must use me when I am around you, asking my advice and support. With the International Federation for World Peace, now we are really undertaking the saving of America.

Promise me you will do it? [Yes, Father!] From now, I believe you. □

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Providential Age of Restoration

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This is a continuation of the series of Divine Principle lectures that Hyo Jin Nim presented at Belvedere, beginning in the autumn of 1989.

As I have explained before, the foundation of substance requires us to become the ideal object. If a seed is to bear good fruit, it must be sown on good ground and that is an ideal object. Just as Jesus said in Matthew 13:38, the good seed are the children of the Kingdom. The purpose of our existence is to start as good seed, be planted in good ground, and ultimately bear good fruit.

The underlying emphasis of the whole restoration process is revealed in the introduction to the second part of the Principle. This explains that the way the Israelites were to receive the Messiah and bring about the fulfillment of God's ideal was to believe in Jesus, and put the Messiah in the position of an offering. By doing so, the Israelites could become accepted in the eyes of God.

The most important aspect of restoration lies in the meaning of offering. Why must the significant figures in restoration history always make an offering? We need a condition of indemnity and a medium representing God on the physical plane. You are to become part of Heavenly Father through an offering that is more ideally prepared than yourself to be received by God. By disobeying Heavenly Father man assumed a position lower than that of the creation. Since man became impure, something has to be offered in his place that is pure and acceptable to God. Through God's receiving this offering, man can become part of Heavenly Father. Through this offering process man is becoming responsible for his own actions, doing something to negate the fault he has manifested and laying a condition by which he can return to God.

To be restored, Adam and Eve needed some mediator who represented the presence, goodness, and ideals of God—a connection to Heavenly Father. Abel was to be the mediator that fallen Adam and Eve could offer in order to be resurrected back to their primary position. Also Abel himself had to first make some substantial offering to be accepted as God's representative.

The offering or medium through which all mankind can receive Heavenly Father actually represents the concept of the Messiah, of True Parents. To create a global family of mankind under God, we must have parents who represent God's lineage.

Substantially uniting with God

The condition of indemnity can be viewed—because there is greater, equal, and lesser indemnity—as a form of compromise. The restoration of man is necessary because without

man's involvement in the creation process, God cannot realize His goal of diversity within harmony.

This physical plane is filled with limitations—but still we can do almost anything good or bad, even to the point of literally wiping ourselves off the face of the earth. But we must choose the way that God expects to truly realize His grand ideal. We must become involved only in goodness, though we have the ability to do otherwise. But the only things that will be everlasting will be within the presence of God. We have to separate from anything that would impede the realization of God's ideal.

After we separate good from evil, how can we substantially become part of God? That process is realized only through the presence of True Parents, and only God has the power to choose the one who will ultimately represent His presence in the physical world. That's why the word "chosen" is very significant. But many chosen ones throughout history have failed to live up to the expectation of God. So thinking practically, if every man is a child of God, why not just let everyone be a prophet or chosen one? The more the better—if you

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have more people you have a better chance of someone succeeding. But such reasoning is not acceptable because only through one lineage of True Parents can you ultimately have one global family. That's why True Parents are so significant.

The only way that man can become one with God is to make an offering by doing something substantially to satisfy Heavenly Father. It is your responsibility to live for the sake of God, because by doing so, you are ultimately living for the sake of your own well-being. As man cannot live without woman and vice versa, man without God cannot realize his ultimate longing to have eternal peace and joy and without man God's ideal cannot be realized.

Many times you may have a problem with who is going to be the subject and the object in a relationship. Some of you may have lingering doubts about the correctness of the Principle view. The Bible says, "Neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without man in the lord." How can you make a value judgment when, without the other, you do not exist?

The subject and object relationship exists to realize the ultimate goal of Heavenly Father—to have great diversity but

with a oneness of heart. We also appreciate diversity. I don't want to hear the same music over and over again. I want things to change. I love seeing my children grow up. The little changes that occur within their lives bring me joy. God also wants a similar joy coming from many different beings intermingling with one another, and at the same time He wants oneness because He wants to be a part of everything He created. I too want my children and my music to reflect my ideal desires. I want to rejoice and at the same time be captivated by having created something through which I can appreciate my self-worth and see my own reflection. Do you like looking at yourself in the mirror? If it reflects back your ideal image you are happy. I want something to reflect and understand me so I can experience joy through give and take with that object.

Racial unity

The subject and object relationship exists for the sake of love. Many times you get scolded or reprimanded because you do not truly live up to your potential. You did something wrong but you turn around and say, "What did I do wrong? Why are you getting on my case? You should love me no matter what." How can you say that? You should put yourself in the position of accepting your fault and truly repenting for having done something wrong. But if you are not truly repenting and accepting your fault, how can I just disregard what you have done wrong? The whole problem of restoration is that we want our mistakes forgotten and forgiven so we can pre-

tend that everything is okay once again. It just doesn't work like that.

The position of Adam and Eve is especially significant because they were to represent Heavenly Father and become True Parents. Through them mankind was to become part of God's lineage. The person in such a position cannot make the mistake of dwelling on selfish desires and excluding God, and still expect to maintain the position of representing God. It is a serious, serious responsibility. Heavenly Father knew about the consequences of the fall, but He was willing to go ahead because He wanted true love.

What is the greatest problem in America today? [Selfishness.] It's true, but more specifically, the important issue is racial discrimination. When Father said the white people of America should recognize their historical wrongdoing and should serve black people, you have to take that literally. You have to be responsible for your historical failures and make a substantial condition to restore these failures in the eyes of God. I know black people here might resent the fact that your ancestors had to suffer such hardship and racial segregation even in this century. But think about God's position. He has to forgive men who ultimately cause all this misery.

How can you white people say you are part of the Unification Church and are trying to represent God if you have racial prejudice? Also, black people must accept the position that God has taken for the 6,000 biblical years. To Heavenly Father, all fallen men are sinners. By observing True Parents, you can understand what kind of attitude you must have. Because of man's failure Father had to walk the course of indemnity, but he is willing to forgive all of you. You have to truly believe that each other is good and that you and I are people who can be absolutely one with True Parents. Becoming an ideal person in the ideal world will be based on how much you are able to understand and represent Heavenly Father and True Parents. Unity with True Parents is most important.

Don't assess subject/object relationships by material quantity. In the subject and object relationship, one cannot do without the other. The importance of subject and object relationship is to unite the diversity of people in the world centering upon True Parents. We have to become a living offering for Heavenly Father. That means the offering has to be pure; there cannot be any kind of resentment or conflict between one another. The Unification Church body is a living offering to Heavenly Father that will ultimately bring the realization of the global family because the blessed couples are composed of all the different races.

We represent the world and the destiny of mankind. If we cannot resolve the kinds of problems that exist in the world within ourselves, how can we accomplish the restorational dispensation of God? You an important aspect in this process.

Center upon True Love

Black brothers and sisters really can set an example to the world and have faith in one another, forgiving one another. In order to receive forgiveness, the white people should truly accept the fact that you have done wrong, repent and expiate the wrongdoing.

Father has done so much for us all. I know it is difficult but if you just give a little bit of your effort compared to what Father has done, you can receive what he has prepared for the future of mankind. You can be responsible for the



Picketers at a store in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1985.

foundations he had laid, and be in the glorious domain with True Parents at the same time. He is giving you the opportunity to be involved in this unfolding historical process. What Father is doing is absolutely incredible.

In the ideal world someone has to administer the global affairs as an extension of True Parents. That is the significance of blessed couples. Many are called but only a few are chosen because only a few will represent that position.

Obviously communism has failed; it is gone. Democracy is also dying. There is so much suffering and conflict even within democracy. You have to do a major renovation within this system. Without it there is no hope for the future. That major reconstruction has to focus on the problem of individuality. We have to live for the sake of something greater than ourselves for unity and harmony to take place.

Is it a very depressing issue? Once you start looking at each other centered upon love, all those problems will be resolved. White people, you can feel that you are superior to others based on a material point of view. But you have to base yourself centering upon true love. The only greatness lies in realizing what love is and that it encompasses every-

what I do affect everything? What would the outcome be? You don't have to be talking all the time. We all have good traits, which exist to enhance and bring joy to each others' lives, spiritually as well as physically.

I appreciate physical beauty too. White people are colorful people: blond, red, brown hair, green, blue, gray eyes. You emphasize the development of your physical body and try to enhance your physical qualities of life. At the same time we need to develop our spiritual presence. Both are important in

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developing the ideal world.

But each person's characteristics can obviously interchange; I might be given a certain characteristic, but if I am willing to make a greater effort to learn from someone who is more able, I can ultimately inherit that person's ability. Thus within the physical lifetime we can attain all the possibilities for eternal life.

Please pay closer attention to the problem of black and white. You can't cover it up. Restoration depends on the foundation to receive True Parents. You cannot receive the True Parents while harboring a prejudicial attitude and doing nothing when you see those kinds of problems existing around you.

How grateful are we?

In the last days the lambs and the goats will be separated. Although you might call yourself a Unification Church member, if you don't accept the Principle fully and absolutely, you cannot fulfill or hold onto the position you were given by True Parents and by the Blessing. Father is becoming number one in everything. Father has an incredible amount of economic power and virtually all the resources necessary to influence the outcome of future global events.

You might think that right now you Americans are far better off than almost anybody else in the world. But that is only monetarily because you have so many internal problems.

So what about you? We should be grateful every moment of our lives that we have been given this opportunity to be blessed by True Parents and have this kind of future when the rest of the world is taking a nose dive. Ingratitude and

arrogance belittles everything that Father is doing.

When I face those attitudes I think about Father. How many times did he feel this disappointment? Anybody who does not shed tears in gratitude and repentance every time you think about Father's past is a fake in my eyes. You have shed your tears for yourself, not out of gratitude because of what you have been given. Father has given you this position and this blessing. If you turn around and demand more, what kind of children are you?

We must protect True Parents. If all the disciples around



Unification brothers and sisters of all cultures and races.

thing in the creation. You have to realize the value of everything that God has created. In God's eyes everyone matters and should ultimately benefit.

Everyone has good traits. I feel joy many times just by being with black people. I can feel their emotion and it lifts me up. Oriental people might be a little more reserved. By being with them you can be more serious about your inner responsibility. You can't just rely upon momentary sensual feelings; many times you have to be very cautious, serious, and reserved. Before you do something you have to think: how will

Jesus had been like an unbreakable shield of armor, he would not have been crucified. That's why we have to be strong. This is war.

In the ideal world, even money will be used in an ideal sense. You have to give something of yourself in order to receive. That kind of substantial give and take is necessary. The reason that everything will work out is that the main emphasis will be put on love. Our status will not be judged by how



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much material we have, but how much we have spiritually.

Your efforts are very important at this time because they will determine the fate of your future and your children's future: Please do your best to properly nurture True Parents' foundation so that ultimately it will glorify Heavenly Father and True Parents and you can remain in their presence.

All I have has been given to me by True Parents, so all the credit should be given to them. If there is any credit that is due to me, it is through nurturing the abilities that I received from True Parents.

Be a living offering

It is important to understand your position. You are a living offering to mankind, as is the Messiah. You must follow Father's footsteps. You must become a tribal messiah like the Messiah. You are responsible for humanity. Father has laid the foundation to receive Heavenly Father, and through him we can connect to God's lineage. You have to understand the historical significance of it. Father was chosen for this task, and he accepted and accomplished it without any regret, and with gratitude through every hardship that he faced. He tried to comfort God, not to complain. That's extremely difficult. Father had to put himself in the position of comforting you when he was going to Danbury. I would have been very angry with you in that situation, but he comforted you: "Don't cry. Don't shed your tears for me. This is for the sake of America. You have to be grateful, and you have to repent." That's pretty amazing.

We have to leave an ideal legacy for our children. The only way to do that is by fulfilling the ideal object's position. The unity of Noah's family was to come through the unity of the children with the parents. Noah had to offer the ark to Heavenly Father to become accepted in God's eyes. For his children to unite as a family, they had to go through Noah to Heavenly Father. This is repeated over and over historically throughout history.

The way Jesus' disciples could reach Heavenly Father's love and acquire eternal life was through the Messiah. John the Baptist was in the position of Cain to Jesus as Abel. They were to offer their lives, which means everything of themselves. By offering himself absolutely Jesus purified himself in the eyes of God, becoming the ideal object who could fully receive Heavenly Father's direction. But because John failed to make a complete offering, ultimately he failed to unite with Jesus Christ.

The foundation of substance enables us to redeem ourselves in the eyes of God. The responsibility of the Messiah is ultimately to have dominion over mankind. Leading up to this process, much indemnity historically had to be paid. John the Baptist was to offer the ideal tribe to the Messiah. By their becoming one with John the Baptist, and then being available to Jesus Christ to offer to Heavenly Father, the responsibility of the Messiah would have been fulfilled. But this offering just literally walked off the offering table.

That's what I mean by saying we are a living offering: It is your responsibility today as it was the responsibility of John the Baptist.

Jesus had a terrible temper. Yes! You know the famous story of Jesus in the temple, but you never mention that because you don't want your own subjects to reprimand you. Whatever you do, you want somebody to always say, "It's okay, it's okay. You can do better next time. I know you tried your best. Maybe you were tired, I understand." Well, I am sorry, but if you have problems, it affects everybody. So please resolve them. I have noticed that racial problems are still lingering in some places even within the church. Please, give your effort. If you see anybody struggling with that kind of problem, make yourself available to help resolve it. If you lend a helping hand in times of need, help will come when you are having problems in your life. Everything that you do for the sake of Heavenly Father will be remembered and you will be judged according to what you do. Think about those things and be a little more caring.

This is my way of caring. I am always trying to change for the sake of True Parents because I believe in the ideal standard and know there are many things I need to adjust. I am willing to face up to whatever kind of challenges Father has gone through and accept them.

Many of us, including me, don't have patience. But I am learning patience because it's important. You have to be grateful. Reward will come to you, but you don't know when. It is wrong to put a time frame on love. That is immoral. You want things to come right away. So do I. So does everybody else. But if everybody lives like that—filled with anticipation of gaining some kind of material prestige or reward and then resentful when it doesn't come—this world will be a terrible place.

We always have to remember to have gratitude in our hearts and do our best to understand and become the embodiment of the Principle. Thank you very much. □

A Single-Minded Life of Faith

by Mrs. Woo Ok Lim

Sunday Service, Belvedere July 8, 1990

Mrs. Lim, blessed in the 72 Couples Blessing, recently toured America testifying to church members about her experiences with the True Family and Hong Halmonim in Korea.

The key point of my testimony today is my experience of serving True Parents, the True Family, and Hong Halmonim, but first I wish to give some testimony about my spiritual background.

I came from a very atheistic family. Before I met the Unification Church, if while reading a book I discovered the name of God, I would cross it out with a pen. On the other hand I was deeply seeking true happiness. I also, felt very sympathetic toward poor people: How can I help them? I made the determination that my life's goal was to dedicate myself for poor and unhappy people's sake, but I couldn't yet realize it. Neither could I clearly find my purpose of life, so I first had to find help for myself.

After I graduated from high school, I was seriously struggling about my life and about the meaning of all human life. In 1959, President David S.C. Kim, my university professor, witnessed to me. After I studied the Principle I realized the purpose of creation and of human life. The Principle explained to me the true value of human life, the true meaning of human history, and the potential for the future of humanity. I was surprised and amazed. The Principle is the basic philosophy and true standard for human life. It liberated me from all of the struggles and misunderstandings of my past life.

At the time I couldn't understand deeply about the Second Coming, but I could not deny that Father was the teacher and leader for all human beings. I struggled to deeply understand and develop a feeling about the Second Coming but finally after six months I decided even if I couldn't understand its meaning, Father was still my great teacher. That was my attitude. Even if he is not the Second Advent, this Principle is so perfect and so wonderful that I will follow his way of life. I was not a disciple of the Second Advent; I was the disciple of a great teacher.

That was my position in 1960 when

I volunteered to go summer pioneer witnessing in the countryside. I fasted many days in order to make a condition for witnessing. We had no transportation, not even a bus ticket, so we used our physical two feet and walked 10 or 20 miles every day, visiting village to village, witnessing to the people.

I made a plan to build my first new church. I had a very small budget, and no help from headquarters. Not being able to afford cement block or stone, I built the church with bricks of soil and clay. During our early church life the dispensation was to endure physical suffering—no food or good clothes.

Then in 1961 Father chose me to be one of the 72 blessed couples. I was

While Father was eating, Mother was watching. I could see that Mother would really like to eat that fish. She was 17 years old and pregnant with Ye Jin Nim. I felt so painful for Mother, and asked Father, "Father, would you please leave a little fish for Mother?" You can imagine that for me to request Father to please leave half of the fish for Mother was not easy.

The True Family's economic situation was so poor. When Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim were small children, they ate very humble food. They almost never ate good meals. You cannot understand this if you never experienced hunger yourself. But in this world over two-thirds of the people go hungry every

If your blessed family situation is really difficult, please remember this testimony about True Family's early life in Korea. This will help comfort your heart.

blessed with Rev. Do Sum Lim, now the regional director of Seoul. After that, I became part of the True Family's house staff.

Early days at Chôngpa-dông

At that time our True Parents did not have their own house, but lived in the Chôngpa-dông headquarters church center. Pioneering brothers and sisters throughout Korea had very little food, so True Family also had a very small budget. We prepared a small dinner, and True Father would eat first, then True Mother would eat, and after that, Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim would eat the rest. The budget for True Father, Mother, and True Children's food was only enough to buy one meal, to feed four people. Although perhaps three pieces of fish would need to be purchased to adequately feed the True Family, the kitchen staff had only enough money to buy one piece of fish.

One day I cooked one small fish.

day. Soup usually contains chunks of food, but the kitchen staff sometimes served only soup broth for Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim. I often went to the chapel and tearfully prayed to God, "God, please help us make a financial foundation so that we can better serve True Parents and True Children."

One day True Mother designed a kitchen cabinet and asked our church brothers to build it, because there was no money in the True Family's budget to buy one. True Mother designed the top part of the cabinet to have three drawers. I wondered about this and asked True Mother, "Why?" She replied "We serve cookies to Hyo Jin Nim and Ye Jin Nim sometimes, but if they were put in the lower part, the children would always eat them too quickly. So True Mother asked me to put the cookies and candies in the top drawers where Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim could not reach them. That's a really tearful testimony.

Many Korean brothers and sisters from around the country visited True Parents at the Chôngpa-dông Church. When they arrived True Mother always asked us to serve them some fruit, cookies and candy. I was unhappy because I could not serve these things to the True Children, but had to serve them to our members.

True Children's sacrifice

In the early 1960s, when our brothers and sisters went out on pioneer missions, if spiritual children served them wonderful food, they always asked for humble food instead because they wanted to pay more indemnity. Korea has two kinds of rice—white rice and black barley rice. Rich people ate white rice and poor people ate barley rice. But now it is the opposite. Recently it was discovered that black barley rice has more vitamins and is more healthy than white rice, so now rich people buy black barley rice. But our pioneer brothers and sisters always asked for the black rice. That is really heavenly wisdom, don't you think?

One day Father and Mother called me and said, "Please cook black barley rice for us." But I could not follow Father 100 percent, because I felt it was too miserable for Father and Mother to eat black barley rice. So when I cooked black barley rice, I put in a little white rice. After I had served True Parents, Father called me, very upset: "Why didn't you follow my direction? Next time you must cook only black barley rice." But three times I couldn't obey. Then, Father really scolded me, saying, "If you can't unite with me, please leave True Family's house." Tearfully, I begged Father: "This is not only for Father. True Mother is pregnant every year because God has planned for her to bear many heavenly children, and also True Children are growing so fast. They need good rice." True Father didn't say yes, but he didn't scold me again.

Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim sacrificed so much. Now, in America and throughout the world many blessed children are growing up in humble circumstances, but the situation of the True Children was much more humble than the situation and housing of today's blessed children. Please imagine.

In 1973, the True Family moved to America from Korea. After that, as our Korean Church's financial situation became better, many Korean brothers and sisters brought fruit and nice food to the Chôngpa-dông Church. But I always re-

membered Ye Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, and True Parents, so the staff and I could never eat that fruit. I carry in my heart an unforgettable pain because before Hyo Jin Nim and Ye Jin Nim came to America, they received such humble food and living circumstances in Korea. When I see a picture of True Family, my eyes always go first to Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim. Because we couldn't serve them good meals, they are smaller than

initiated the Little Angels' Folk Ballet. But Father's close staff members couldn't understand why he was starting businesses and the Little Angels' Ballet. Some spoke out directly against Father's work. So he was not only misunderstood and mistrusted by the Korean society, but even church members couldn't harmonize with Father 100 percent.

When I met Father and joined the Unification Church, I couldn't under-



Hong Halmonim with several of the True Children at East Garden.

their younger brothers and sisters. I always feel guilty when I see Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim because I did not serve them well enough. I wish I had gone out and borrowed money at that time in order to serve them better. My responsibility was head of the kitchen staff. Because I couldn't serve True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim and Ye Jin Nim well, I always repent, and today I also painfully repent in front of you about this. I know that in America and around the world many couples are now pioneering blessed family life, and sometimes it is not easy financially. But if it is really difficult, please remember this testimony about Hyo Jin Nim's and Ye Jin Nim's early life in Korea. This will help to comfort your heart.

Obedience to True Father

Even though the early 1960s was a very difficult time, Father prepared for the future. The first business Father pioneered was Tong-il Industry. He also in-

stand who he was or the meaning of the Second Advent, because I did not have a Christian family background and had never studied the Bible. I could only accept Father as a great teacher whom I wanted to follow. But I don't repent about that, because if Father wasn't really the Messiah, I served him as a great teacher. Some people say, "If Rev. Moon is the Messiah, I will follow him. If he is not the Messiah, I will leave him." They set that condition. But my attitude was always, no matter whether he is the Messiah or not, I will follow.

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Now I would like to explain more about Hong Halmonim's personal and spiritual background. Hong Halmonim was born in the same county as True Father, in Jôngju. Then her family moved to a different county—Anju—which is True Mother's birthplace. God prepared Hong Halmonim's family background. Her physical mother was a very sincere

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"True Parents, True Teachers, and True

Four-City Speaking Tour in Korea

In June and July True Parents conducted a speaking tour in four major Korean cities over a period of 21 days: in Kwangju on June 26, in Pusan on June 27, in Taejon on June 28, and in Seoul on June 29 and July 6. The audiences were composed of graduates from the Korean Divine Principle Conferences in America: professors, high school principals, journalists, retired military leaders, civic leaders, religious leaders, and student leaders. Over 4,300 people attended the speeches.

True Father addressed these professors and leaders as he might if speaking to members at Chôngpa-dông Church in Seoul or Belvedere in New York. An intimate atmosphere was created as he walked among the audience, having give and take with individuals. The theme of the speeches was the three aspects of a true person: "becoming a true parent, becoming a true teacher, and becoming a true owner." Father asked the audiences to witness to their families and others based on these three points.

Over 200 major businessmen attended the July 6th talk in Seoul at the International Convention Center at the *Segye Ilbo*. Although their expectation was that Father would speak on business or politics, he spoke about absolute true love and living for others. The audience listened raptly. He reminded business leaders that, although economic relations with the Soviet Union could be viewed as a financial opportunity, the



underlying motive must be of loving service, investing to help the Soviet people. After Father's speech, Dr. Bo Hi Pak presented a slide show on True Parents' recent victorious meeting with President Gorbachev in Moscow.

Later, on July 11, Father called Korean leaders together to begin a major 40-day mobilization in Korea. He emphasized grassroots ideological education in preparation for the Unification of North and South Korea. Korean church members' focus should be to explain the meaning of True Parents and why True Parents have appeared in Korea. Father encouraged the Korean members to go forward and openly declare Father's position to all people.

To date, almost a million Korean people have attended three days of Divine Principle lectures and many feel that Father is the one who can bring about the unification of North and South Korea. □



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top: Father and Mother are introduced to the audience at Taejon.

bottom: True Parents are presented with a beautiful calligraphy at the Seoul speech.



top: Enthusiastic listeners in Pusan receive Father's speech.

middle: Father has give and take with the audience in Taejon.

bottom: Father speaks to the Seoul audience at the Little Angels' Auditorium.



and faithful Christian, named Won Mo Cho. She inspired and guided Hong Halmonim in the Christian faith. Until she was 19 years old, Hong Halmonim always attended church with her mother.

At the age of 19, she entered a very important period of her life. She met Rev. Young-Do Lee, who was a very important minister in a John the Baptist position to Father. His mission was preparing the way for the Second Coming. Hong Halmonim joined Rev. Lee's New Jesus Church, and would walk 20 or 30 miles each day to witness about the Gospel to villagers. As a young teenager, Hong Halmonim had a great desire to go to Manchuria and witness to the people there, but the spiritual world inspired her to go back to her hometown instead. Hong Halmonim followed Rev. Lee for three years, but couldn't feel deeply inspired, so her mother suggested to her, "If you are struggling, why don't you go to Chulsan county? I heard about a famous spiritual woman there named Son Do Kim."

Hong Halmonim was not so inspired to visit Song Do Kim, but one night she had a dream in which Jesus Christ visited her and called three times: "Soon Ae Hong, Soon Ae Hong, Soon Ae Hong." She then decided to visit this spiritual woman.

Song Do Kim prayed deeply and intensely, so she received many revelations from God. She understood about human responsibility and that Jesus Christ was crucified because the people couldn't fulfill their responsibility. She knew that Adam and Eve fell not through eating a fruit but through adultery.

Preparation for the Messiah

Hong Halmonim faithfully followed until Song Do Kim died eight years later. Hong Halmonim was very disappointed because she and many of Song Do Kim's followers thought she might be the new Messiah.

Ho Bin Ho became the next leader. The group united centered on her and they made great preparation to accept and welcome the Messiah. Then God revealed to Ho Bin Ho that the Messiah had to come as a man, not a woman, and that the Messiah already came and was living somewhere in Korea. God asked her group to prepare special clothes for the Messiah because Jesus

Christ's family did not prepare any clothes for him, causing great pain to God and Jesus.

The church members went to the marketplace and bought brand new fabric, returning to the church holding it over their heads. They sewed by hand, and after every 12 stitches they did a *kyongbe*, then sewed 12 stitches and did another *kyongbe*. They tailored these new clothes with deep sincerity.

Hong Halmonim was the most dedicated, hard-working member in these preparations, under the direction of Ho Bin Ho. After all these external preparations for the Second Coming were completed, Hong Halmonim suddenly received a deep desire and spiritual inspiration: "I want to see the Second Messiah's face." God responded to her through a dream. In the dream she visited a house with her mother. In one room there was a closed door, and her mother said, "Don't go in. It must be a very important room." But she had such a great curiosity that she opened the door. Inside a young, handsome, gentle man was studying at a desk. He looked back at her and said, "I am waiting for you. I am studying so I can teach you." He kindly welcomed Hong Halmonim. After she awakened, she had the feeling that maybe the man in her dream was the Second Coming of Christ.

Soon after that she had another significant dream in which she met the same young man again. He said to her, "Soon Ae Hong, would you like to prepare some clothes for me and make travel preparations? Please, Soon Ae Hong, don't change your mind. Keep an unchanging faith." Then he left.

At that time Korea was already free from the Japanese occupation, but Kim Il Sung and his North Korean Red Army persecuted Christians, wanting to make a strong, atheistic communist government in North Korea. The police were always jailing or killing Christians, and even infiltrated Ho Bin Ho's spiritual group, causing so much suffering.

Flight to South Korea

True Mother was then a small child, and Cho Halmonim received a revelation from God that she, Hong Halmonim, and True Mother—three generations—had to escape from North Korea to South Korea. Father once said that True Mother must come from a background similar to that of Jesus' mother Mary 2,000 years ago. Mary married Joseph, but everything was like a single situation for her. A similar situation was necessary for Hong Halmonim and Cho Halmonim, who, with True Mother, fulfilled a background of three generations of single women.



Hong Halmonim offers the dedication prayer at the Jacob House opening ceremony on February 18, 1978.

After they arrived in Seoul, Hong Halmonim ate uncooked food, even rice and fish. She offered that spiritual condition as she searched for the Second Messiah. After living in Seoul, they moved to Jeju Island in search of the Second Messiah there. Hong Halmonim thought that because she was eating raw food, she should serve it to True Mother also, but Jesus Christ appeared to her and asked her not to serve True Mother raw food. Hong Halmonim wanted to dedicate True Mother to work as God's servant in a spiritual mission when she grew up.

While in Jeju Island, Hong Halmonim met Elder Chung, the father of Rev. Su Won Chung from the 36 blessed couples. Elder Chung was a faithful member of Song Do Kim's and Ho Bin Ho's group. He witnessed to Hong Halmonim about the Unification Church and about the Second Coming.

Hong Halmonim had searched for

True Father her whole life. Knowing the Messiah could give eternal life and love to her, she sacrificed day and night, making conditions to find him. Hong Halmonim had a single-minded determination to meet the Second Messiah. So many other things she ignored, paying indemnity and sacrificing to seek and ultimately meet Father. Hong Halmonim was a model of a successful life of faith. When we pray with Hong Halmonim's prayer candle, let's inherit her single-minded determination and victorious prayer life.

First visit with Father

After Elder Chung witnessed to Hong Halmonim she visited True Father. She offered the kyongbe when they met, and as she looked up at True Father she was amazed to realize she had previously met him in two dreams!

She had brought True Mother with her, and True Father asked, "Who is this young girl?" Hong Halmonim replied, "This is my daughter." "What is her name?" "Hak Ja Han."

Father closed his eyes and repeated three times, "Thank you, God, that Hak Ja Han was born in Korea." Then Father said to True Mother, "Hak Ja Han, you must sacrifice for God."

Finally, Hong Halmonim received a great honor through True Father and True Mother's Holy Wedding. True Parents appeared on the earth, and Hong Halmonim became part of their household. It was still not an easy course after the wedding. True Parents, the True Family, and Hong Halmonim always had a difficult course waiting in front of them. As each of the True Children was born, the dark, satanic forces prepared to attack them. Hong Halmonim immediately understood her mission was to protect True Parents and the True Children. Day and night she prayed, sacrificed, and made conditions for the protection of the True Family. Her mission was to be like the Holy Spirit.

Hong Halmonim has such a special, faithful character. For example, if she promised to meet someone at 10 a.m., she always went at 8 a.m. and waited. I learned from Hong Halmonim how to separate from Satan and live a holy, sanctified life. Her personality and faith were absolutely strict. Sometimes I expressed a humanistic idea and then thought, "Perhaps she will forgive me and allow me to do that." Never. When

Abraham didn't cut the dove, we might think, that was just a mistake. We sometimes say, "God, please understand me. Why don't you allow me to do this?" But God didn't allow Abraham to make that mistake. Hong Halmonim always lived in complete holiness and separation from Satan. She strictly followed God's and Father's words. So I learned that important life of faith attitude from Hong Halmonim.

I understand now why God chose Hong Halmonim. Hong Halmonim totally obeyed and followed God, and she was always well-prepared to serve Him. She separated herself from Satan, and won the spiritual victory over him. She had a clean, strong, absolute life of faith, and God loved her and gave her the special mission of having True Mother be born from her.

Knowing the Messiah could give eternal life and love to her, Hong Halmonim sacrificed day and night, making conditions to find him.

Hong Halmonim not only prayed but she also physically worked hard. When Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim were young, she sewed things like winter sweaters for them. Since True Father and Mother worked so hard, they sometimes needed Chinese herbs to revitalize their health. Hong Halmonim was in charge of preparing these herbs. Before boiling them, Hong Halmonim did long fasting and shower conditions. She wore a white holy robe while she watched over the boiling herbs.

Protecting the True Children

She served the True Family in this way, day and night, in Korea, and then she came to America when Father and Mother called her. America represented True Parents' world-level challenge, and someone was needed to protect and support them. Because there were many communists and other dangers in America, the True Children could get hurt or kidnapped as they went back and forth to school, so Father gave her the special mission of praying day and night to protect them. Also Father was speaking during the 12-city and 50-city tours, and then at Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument. Hong Halmonim always prayed hard for the protection of True Parents and the True Family from attack in America.

She not only prayed, but was always checking East Garden from corner to corner. If some ground was dug out and looked strange, she thought maybe an enemy was trying to attack the True Family. We have vigilant East Garden brothers and a good security system, but she was always behind them double-checking and spiritually protecting the whole area.

Hong Halmonim worked so hard she became tired and ill, and had to return to Korea in 1980. There, she lived with my husband and I. She always slept in her regular clothes, because she wanted to immediately respond if God and True Parents called her. She sometimes even prepared a little makeup, and her handbag was always right by her hand in bed. She always had that attitude of attendance.

One day, Hong Halmonim's head was bent forward, so I wondered what had happened. I called Elder Shin, a spiritual elder church sister, and asked her, "What

happened to Hong Halmonim?" Elder Shin replied, "Father is battling hard with the world right now. When True Parents encounter a world-level challenge, Hong Halmonim receives the same spiritual pressure because of her heartistic unity with True Parents. Her head bows because Father's head is supporting the whole planet Earth."

When True Father dedicated the *Se-gye Ilbo* in Seoul, Korea, three spiritualists received that Father was in a very difficult position. These three also testified that, although Hong Halmonim could not physically attend the ceremony due to her illness, it was her continued deep prayer life that protected True Father. So many of Satan's "cronies" attacked him that day that spiritually the atmosphere looked like a thunderstorm, but there was a bright shining light enveloping Father because of Hong Halmonim's prayer. Whenever there was an important dispensational event Hong Halmonim offered many conditions for True Parents' protection.

Hong Halmonim's illness

Several spiritual members explained that Hong Halmonim became ill due to her heavy mission of protecting the True Family. I remember one day a noise was coming from Hong Halmonim's room, and I saw her fighting with

Satan. She resisted Satan strongly, saying, "You cannot attack me because I dedicated my whole life for God and His truth. I even gave up my husband and completely dedicated myself for God and True Parents. Satan you have no right to accuse me. Even my ears became flat, because I never slept lying down on my back, but always slept in a kneeling position, or with my head on my shoulder." Then, Satan left.

Hong Halmonim was never famous even within our church. Many brothers and sisters say, "I know Hong Halmonim's name, but I don't know much about her." Hong Halmonim always moved behind the scenes, without renown, dedicating herself for God and the True Family, so our members often don't recognize her value.

While Hong Halmonim lived in our house, she was becoming physically old, yet working hard day and night, so her physical condition was declining bit by bit every day. One day I received a spiritual feeling directing me to give Hong Halmonim a nice clean shower. Then I repeated in Hong Halmonim's ear the names of all the True Children. Father and Mother had gone to Chonan to dedicate the new Sông Hwa

University. Before their return I felt Hong Halmonim was having difficulty, so I called a doctor to come. He said that Hong Halmonim could not stay with us more than two hours. When True Father and Mother returned to Hannam-dông they heard that Hong Halmonim was about to ascend, so True Mother immediately visited our house. True Mother rushed to hug Hong Halmonim, and at that moment her breathing stopped.

I prepared beautiful clothes for Hong Halmonim's Sûng-hwa and Wôn-jôn ceremonies: a red chima and yellow chogori, a beautiful rainbow-colored coat, and a special crown, like someone would use at their wedding. In Korean tradition, the best clothing is used twice in a person's lifetime—at their wedding ceremony and before going to the spiritual world.

The Sûng-hwa ceremony lasted five days because so many guests attended from America and around the world. I visited Hong Halmonim's room every day to refresh her make-up. Hong Hal-

monim was so beautiful and peaceful, with a victorious smile on her face. Some people say that in death you can see a person's whole life in their face.

Example of mother's love

Hong Halmonim taught me many important internal spiritual truths. I want to help members understand because you are praying with Hong Halmonim's prayer candle. Up until now, our Unification Church family has been trying to build a true love tradition centered upon True Father. Hong Halmonim said that since True Father and Mother got victory through the 43-year course, from now on we need to connect more to Mother to receive the true love tradition. Father already gave us so much, so we must now receive more from True Mother. The center of a heavenly family's tradition is a mother's love. True Mother's love is truly representative of God's love because God's love is warm, embracing, forgiving, tearful, sacrificial love. Those are the aspects of True

Through True Mother's love we, the Unification Family, can become completely harmonized into one. So from now on we need to experience True Mother's love more deeply.

Mother's love.

In our spiritual life in the wilderness we were always battling with Satan, so the love we received from God and True Father sometimes seemed fearful—pushing and disciplining us. But because True Parents have been victorious and we have entered Canaan, we now need warm love from True Mother. We need this kind of experience of love on the earth so that we can bring it with us to our eternal life.

Some people say that a father's love is like the bone structure, and a mother's love is like the flesh. There is friction and noise when bones collide with each other, but flesh is comforting and warm. Through True Mother's love we, the Unification Family, can become completely harmonized into one. So from now on we need to experience True Mother's love more deeply.

As blessed members we have received new life from True Father, but to perfect our love we need Mother's help. True Mother's love nurtures us. If we long for and respect True Mother, we can re-

ceive her care, nourishment and support in becoming perfected men and women of true love. If we deeply pray with Hong Halmonim's prayer candle, and follow her victorious life of faith and true love tradition, we can connect with True Mother because Hong Halmonim was the closest to True Mother and True Father. This is the benefit and grace we can receive through praying with Hong Halmonim's prayer candle and connecting to her life of faith.

In the spiritual world

Some people wonder what Hong Halmonim is doing now that she is in the spiritual world. One of the 36 blessed couples, Mr. Jung, previously went to the spiritual world. On his memorial day his family prepared a service. But a stranger visited their house that day. This man didn't know our church, but he said, "A very special guest is visiting this room from the spiritual world. Many guests are here, but the central figure is a young man." This young

man was Heung Jin Nim, and among the other spiritual guests who came were President Eu, Rev. Lee, Tiger Park, and Mr. Jung.

Mrs. Jung prepared an offering table for the memorial service, which is our tradition. Actually,

Mr. Jung did not like chicken while he was on earth, so Mrs. Jung didn't want to buy chicken. Also he didn't like rice cake. But she felt urged to buy chicken and rice cake even though her husband didn't like that kind of food. She prepared chicken and rice cake, and Western cake and bananas too. Actually the spiritual world inspired her, because President Eu loves chicken, Tiger Park loves rice cakes, and Heung Jin Nim loves Western cake and bananas. These persons spiritually came down and enjoyed this offering table and this stranger witnessed their attendance in the memorial service.

This stranger also testified about True Father. He saw a huge glorious palace for the King of Kings in the spiritual world. But this house is now empty, so somebody must be the caretaker. So God assigned Hong Halmonim to be in charge of this palace in the spiritual world. Elder Shin saw Hong Halmonim in the spiritual world, working, cleaning, and maintaining this palace. Her

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The Institute of Korean Study for Foreign Students

The Institute for Foreign Students was founded on February 15, 1988, by our True Parents, and is directed by Mrs. Won Pok Choi, with Mr. Jae Deok Joo as the director of education. It is located at the Little Angels' School in Korea. The following interview with Mr. Dale Garratt and Mrs. Gertrud Koch was conducted during the spring of 1990. Dale is the coordinator of school affairs for all Western blessed children and Mrs. Koch coordinates all dormitory affairs and serves as the European representative.

Mrs. Gertrud Koch

Q: What are your responsibilities at the School for Foreign Students and what would be valuable for parents to understand in order to prepare their children to study here?

A: (Mrs. Koch) I came to Korea in 1986 to bring my daughter here, when my son was already attending the Little Angels School. The Asian Games were in progress and True Father was here at that time. When I went to Hannam-dong to meet with True Father, he asked me to stay in Korea. It was so sudden, and I felt unprepared. Now, Goon has already graduated from middle school and is studying in America, and Spring is returning to America for high school like Goon.

Q: When do international students come and how long do they stay?

A: Both Japanese and Western students come at the age of 12 or 13, generally following primary school. I think it is the best time for them to be in Korea. They are able to gain a good foundation in the language. Westerners usually continue their studies in America or in Europe after the one year General Orientation Program (GOP), or after middle school.

The Japanese situation is different because their education system generally does not permit them to re-enter Japanese schools after living in another country for such an extended period of time and attending foreign schools. Therefore, a Japanese student will complete both middle and high school in Korea. Because foreigners can only make up one percent of the enrollment in Korean high schools, it is becoming increasingly difficult to place our Japanese blessed children in Sun Hwa



With True Parents, from left to right: Mrs. Won Bok Choi, Masaichi Hori, Masayoshi Kajikuri, Masanari Inoue, Motoko Yokoi, Nichiko Yokoi, Masataka Ishii, Hirao Matsuyama, Mr. Jae Deok Joo, and Dr. Bo Hi Pak.

High School. This year one student is attending an outside high school.

Also, this is the first year that Japanese students have graduated from high school and are now attending Korean universities, including Seoul National University. Four of them are going to Sông Hwa University at Chonan, and three are going to other Korean universities.

The Japanese blessed children have a one year language preparation program before entering middle school. Western students attend a one year General Orientation Program (GOP). Those who stay for middle school—about 50 percent—study an additional six months to prepare for it.

Children coming to Korea, especially those from the West, need to be well prepared spiritually. They must have a desire to be here, to learn Father's lan-

guage, and to inherit many lessons from Korea. The language and all the circumstances of school, teachers, and culture are different. In the classroom students just listen to the teacher—there is little give and take. Western children are not used to that. Now, Korean teachers of our programs have become used to Western students, so they have more give and take. But this evolution is occurring only in our program. If Western students would enter an outside Korean middle school, it would be completely different.

Japanese and Westerners cannot have a combined beginning program because of their initial language differences. The dormitories are mixed, however. Each year we feel it is becoming easier to make connections between Western and Japanese students.

They lived in different dormitories

in the beginning of the program; we united them in the spring of 1986, with Japanese and Western students living together in the same room, having combined parties and allowing relationships to develop naturally.

Q: Who are the Japanese dorm parents?

A: Mr. Kurashina and his Korean wife are responsible for the Japanese students in one dormitory. There are two additional Japanese sisters, who work daily with the students, giving them guidance in practical and spiritual matters, while Dale and Joy Garratt serve as Western dorm parents. In the other dormitory, Mr. Yuji Hosaka and his Korean wife are responsible for the Japanese students, with the additional help of two Japanese sisters, and Steve and Noriko Wright take care of Western students. Additional students stay in two apartments with Michael and Soon Ja Richardson, an 1800 blessed couple with four of their own children, taking care of one apartment. True Parents last February encouraged us to have our students live with Korean families.

It was three years before I felt comfortable in Korea and could say I truly loved this land. It takes time for the students to adjust as well. When I saw True Father longing to go to his home town, I was wondering "Why?" Then I realized Father has lived there, eaten there, drank the water from that part of Korea. It is the same for me: I live here, eat here, breathe the air and drink the water, so Korea has become a part of me and I have become part of Korea. Through these things we grow



Mr. Jae Deok Joo gives classroom orientation to international students.

spiritually.

Q: Parents of the blessed children can learn the details of the programs through their national education departments, is that true?

A: Yes, it is really valuable if the students have started learning Korean long before coming. This is really the main point of preparation. In the morning we have service, then go to school. They can only watch Western TV once a week, but they can watch Korean TV, if they wish. This can be quite shocking for children accustomed to watching TV a lot. In the evening they study and close the day with prayer. Learning to make that personal connection with Heavenly Father is an important part of their lives here. It is like center living and not so easy. They have to learn to discipline themselves and to be together all day.

My son, Goon, who is now in America at school, visited me in Korea over his birthday. He loves Korea twice as much as America because of the atmosphere. I know if Goon had grown up in the West all these years, he wouldn't be the kind of boy he is now. This influence

makes a lot of difference in their spiritual growth.

Q: Do the Western students have the option of staying for high school?

A: Yes, but they have to be really excellent students and strongly motivated. Ichiko Sudo and Naeran Verheyen both attended high school here. However, in order to prepare for American universities, they attended their senior year of high school in America.

Dale Garratt:

Q: You've been here about two years—could you start by explaining what your responsibilities are?

A: Joy and I are responsible for taking care of Western blessed children on two levels—I am the head Western teacher and coordinator of school activities. We teach them Math, English, and Korean culture at school. At home we are responsible for one of the three living situations. The Wrights and the Richardsons each care for another home situation.

The main purpose of the children's coming here is to learn Korean, but we teach them Math and English as well. The Korean culture class involves studying Korean and church customs, traditions and history.

Q: Do you agree with Mrs. Koch that 12 is the best age for the students to come here?

A: From the view of learning language, it is the final period of their life that they can acquire the native accent. Emotionally, they are going from being a child to being a teenager. It is an impor-



Students visit the Il-shin marble vase factory.



Western students with Mrs. Koch and Dale Garratt stand north of the 38th Parallel in the truce village of Panmunjon.

ant time to strengthen their original mind, deepen their religious and spiritual foundations, and to understand what the Unification Church means to them personally. Being with other blessed children they are not pressured by constant temptations to date and to smoke. So, for most of them, it is a very good time to come.

But I think it is important to understand that each child matures differently. Usually they come here after the sixth

can be very challenging.

Because of the intense competition to get into a good college, Korean children decide by the time they are 12 or 13 what they are going to be when they grow up. And if they come from a middle or upper middle class family, they are already receiving tutoring in those fields to prepare for college. Whereas in America many girls take ballet to develop grace and poise, or as a hobby, their counterparts in Korea will be intensely practicing every single day to prepare for their future careers. There is a different level of intensity. Korean students learn discipline and perseverance as a result of their

also really want for them to stay.

Now, in order to expand the program and enable more children to come, family living situations are being set up for the Western children. Everything is really evolving. This fall, about 35 Western students and 100 Japanese students will be in our program.

We send an information sheet to parents to help them prepare their children for Korea. Besides studying Korean, it is important to give them experiences away from home. One of the biggest problems for Western children is that they are coming 6,000 miles away to a different culture—it is so far away. The Japanese are nearer to home, and though it is a different language and culture, they don't look different externally from other Koreans. Westerners, however, just really stick out. They can never melt into the Korean environment. Wherever they go, people stop and look at them.



◀ Students visit Mt. Sorak in the autumn.

▼ Waterfalls at Mt. Sorak.



grade, but for some it is good to finish the seventh grade before coming, because the jump from primary school to junior high school can be very big. Some children find having homework and more academic and personal independence to be very challenging. The parents must really think about their child's situation in deciding.

As far as deeply understanding Korea, I think it takes more maturity to really grasp that. They are not going to leave knowing everything about Korea in one year. Those who stay throughout middle school absorb a great deal of understanding.

Q: What are the biggest challenges for the children?

A: Well, it is hard to learn a language. No matter how interesting you make language study, it takes a lot of hard work. Sometimes it is very dull and repetitious. Also, 12 and 13 is the time when your body is really growing and changing. Here there is not a big emphasis on sports, although they will have physical education three times a week. Most American junior high school students who like sports will be involved in some extracurricular sport activity at school, but in Korea they don't have anything like that, so that

student years. Some of the students I know study 6 hours a day during their winter vacation, when they are 13 or 14 years old. Teachers expect the children to study. In America, you study during vacation only if you have homework. In Korea, they study all the time.

In Korea, the current belief is that if you don't graduate from college, you won't go anyplace in life—never have any position, or a good marriage. The strong point of this system is that the children learn a lot of self-discipline in their effort to get into college. On the negative side, less than one in three students who try can ever get into college—the other two are “failures.” My own belief is that the ideal is somewhere between the Korean and Western systems of education.

The Western GOP program is designed to give the children a varied one year orientation to Korea, and then they go back to their country unless they are very good in Korean and feel very motivated to study here. Their parents must

But the children love living with other blessed children. They feel they can be their true selves. This is not to say they solve all their human relationship problems, but they feel a sense of safety and belonging. Many of them went to school with no other Unification Church members, so being here is much easier. They don't feel they have to hide their identity and are relieved to be going to school with people who know who they are and know what they believe. It can be a very reassuring experience for them. They feel tremendous gratitude to True Parents for being able to come here, and they feel a tremendous closeness to Father and Mother and the True Children.

Q: What are future developments for the school and how can we in the West best prepare our children?

A: A great effort is being made by our Korean brothers and sisters to expand the Korean program, thanks to a grant from True Parents.

Mrs. Choi said there should be Korean schools in the West where our children can learn Korean. Many Korean Christian churches have language schools for their children. In Washington DC, Inku Marshall's Korean language and Wonhwa-do School is a good model. That kind of consistent education is the best preparation for coming to Korea.

Another point that Mrs. Won Pok Choi has emphasized is that parents are responsible for their children, regardless of their situation or mission, and have to take primary responsibility for them.

They can't think sending their children to Korea is going to do the job. Children must have a genuine relationship with their parents in order for them to grow close to God. If parents have consistently taught their children about the Unification faith, this is best. This means sharing one's belief in God, in True Parents, one's love and understanding of the Principle and the Bible. Have we shared about our Blessing with our children? It is good to show church videos to our children during family sharing nights.

Sometimes the parents feel it is the church's responsibility to make a Korean school. And while we would hope that our church would take that responsibility, the church is us, not someone else. We have children that didn't live near any other blessed children, nor near a



Every dorm has a monthly birthday party; from left to right: Inmay Kiely, Kazumi Nakano, and Misook Matsuda.

Student Testimonies of Their

Several blessed children were asked three questions about their experiences studying in Korea: 1)What was your deepest experience in Korea and what did you learn?; 2)What was the most challenging part about being there?; 3)What advice would you give to blessed children to help prepare them to study in Korea? Here are their responses:

Trius Fernsler (age 15)

What I like about studying in Korea is being with international students, especially those from Japan and Europe, and also from America. Everyone is different, but it helped me to open up a lot. In my first year, I could relate well with my dorm parents, but the dorm parents last year pushed me more—it was difficult but it helped me to grow, too. Also, to have teachers from different countries helped me to learn about uniting with others. I hope I can do better this coming year.

Before living in Korea, I was a little too negative toward my parents, but being there has helped me to open up to them. I like the school in Korea because I can really trust my friends there. In the United States there are many temptations, but in Korea, it is easier to overcome.

Studying the language is difficult and takes a long time, but my Korean has improved a lot. You have to know Korean in order to unite with Korean people, because they are different people. The culture is more strict than in America. Most Korean students are

disciplined to study hard. In order for foreigners to do okay, they need to study really hard.

Also, being away from my parents wasn't easy. I had to gain determination to study hard. In the beginning, I didn't study hard, but that changed. Korean middle schools don't give much homework, but the students study very hard anyway—it seems natural to them.

Even though it is sometimes difficult to be in Korea, I have been able to open up to other students, and found ways to study harder and keep going. I have been happy in Korea, and I plan to stay a lot longer.

Jo Shin Seuk (age 13)

Some of my deepest and most wonderful experiences in Korea came while spending time with my elder and younger brothers and sisters at the dormitory.

One thing that I can use very well from my experience there is much better study habits. In America, I was never really that serious about studying and I think I have improved

much since going to Korea.

The most challenging aspect is probably to really focus and set yourself to learn and try your very best to gain as much as possible in Korea, compared to just going there and coming back without gaining as much as you could have and not even caring.

My advice to other potential candidates is that they should really start preparing by studying so that they can get into the program, because not everyone can. It is an opportunity that you really wouldn't want to miss.

Yoshiko Kamiyama (age 18)

I learned many things but the greatest thing I learned was the Heart of Heavenly Father and the True Family. I came to realize better the "core" of God's Heart and the "core" in each one of us.

The greatest challenge was overcoming myself. The advice I would give to others is, you must come to understand that your life is not for you. Your life is for God. You must come to understand what time it is in history. Everything must be done for a higher

church center, and yet have a good Korean foundation and know who they are spiritually. This is because their parents educated them well.

Going on to the middle school and high school in Korea isn't for everyone. Parents should understand the Korean education system is quite rigorous and there is very little Western-style give and take between student and teacher. The things we were raised with, like classroom discussion and essay tests, are basically non-existent in Korea. There is no such thing as writing assignments before the college level. All tests are memorization and multiple choice.

One challenge for Western students is that in Korea relationships between students are very important. Particularly at the high school level but even at the junior high school level, relationships

lead to a certain life-long commitment to assist each other. So, the challenging part for a Western child is that his Korean classmates will feel they can't make a lifelong commitment to this person because he is not Korean and will be going back to his own country. Unification Church children would see some kind of lifelong commitment possibility, but very few Unification Church children go to our Little Angels' school.

Being here is challenging for Western students but also for the Japanese students, because of the historical resentment between the Koreans and Japanese. So the children are really courageous. Here they are at 12 and 13 years of age and they actually have a fulltime mission. They can't just go out and play for they have a mission to master the language, master the culture, and be away

from their families. They love their parents, and many of them haven't spent much time with their parents because of their parents' missions. So even the student who has the hardest time is really admirable. The children love being here with True Parents and the True Family and they love having Hoon Sook Nim here at the school with the Universal Ballet Company. This year, for the first time, we have children that have gone through the complete cycle of junior high school and high school.

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Experience in Korea

purpose.

When studying Korean or doing anything else, remember you are doing it or studying to comfort God's Heart. When it is hard, offer it as a condition: "Maybe if I learn one more vocabulary word or do one more page, I can comfort God's Heart a little bit more." So do your best, because if you don't you will regret it later.

Tips on how to act: Respect your older brothers and sisters and teachers. Don't put your hands in your pockets when someone is talking to you. Don't cross your legs while sitting. When being scolded look directly down—never in the person's eyes.

Mary Hose (age 12)

Ever since I was eight years old I had been hearing many interesting things about Korea. I had been studying Korean ever since kindergarten. My two brothers (who are 18 and 14) went to Korea when it came their chance, so I, naturally, wanted to go. Of course, there were many things I liked about America. But I wanted to see what this place I had heard so much about was really like so when I had the opportunity, I took it. Sometimes I would think to myself, "Oh, what fun it will be!" but then there would be that voice say-

ing, "You're not going to Korea to only have fun, you have to learn about True Father and learn Korean to its fullest." "Easier said than done," I thought. One Korean brother once asked me, "Why do you have to learn Korean?" I couldn't answer clearly. Then he said, "Because the Messiah speaks Korean."

I didn't have any real deep experiences in Korea. The only thing I noticed that was sort of deep to me was the relationship between us blessed children. Many times I think to myself, "What would I be like if I weren't a blessed child?" I think it is very amazing that we GOP Westerners became friends with Japanese blessed children. I think also that I've become a more open person. I had no one but friends to talk to and I learned to talk to them freely (even people I never knew before) about my problems. We became so close that it was amazingly hard to keep something from anyone. I know I have brought back with me a much greater respect toward elders and the True Family. I think I have also learned to deal with all sorts of people—I am a little more patient with people and I can eat almost any kind of food, even that I hated before.

One thing I couldn't deal with in Korea, though, was concentration on



On the summer country tour, students pause at one of Korea's most cherished cultural treasures, the Tabo Pagoda.

my homework and studies. I hated being cooped up at my desk! It wasn't that easy to understand why I was there in the beginning. I took advantage of my ability to speak Korean in the beginning, but after awhile, I had to shape up—it wasn't easy anymore. Getting along with some people was yet another challenging experience. I also missed my family and, many times, was broke. But, after that, I think, now I am a more cautious person.

I think that next year's new GOP kids should know one very important thing, which is: Be brave, you can't hide!—Because many times you'll be asked to do things that seem quite humiliating! □

Blessed Children's Olympics Day

by Laura Nabetani

"On your mark! Get set! Go!" These are the words that could be heard echoing throughout the Belvedere estate in Tarrytown, New York this Fourth of July during the first annual "Blessed Children's Olympics Day." Sponsored by the Unification Church, this day, which was packed full of individual and team events, was attended by approximately 250 children between kindergarten and sixth grade. The children, including their parents and many younger brothers and sisters, were gathered from the greater New York area to participate in the day's festivities.

As the children and their families arrived, they found the Belvedere lawns decorated with brightly colored flags marking the areas for the various events. The first thing children needed to do upon arrival was report to the registration desk where two important things

Following the initial flurry of registration, everyone assembled at 9:30 for the Opening Ceremony, which was held on a stage overspread by a beautiful banner made for the Olympics Day. The Opening Ceremony included a greeting by Dr. Hugh Spurgin, which was followed by opening remarks by Rev. Joong Hyun Park. Following a prayer led by Mrs. Sang Reng Chi, Hyung-Jin Nim and Jeung-Jin Nim concluded the opening ceremony by leading the children in the Blessed Children's Olympics Pledge:

1. We lead our lives for God, True Parents, True Family and humanity. We pledge to become the pioneers of true love.



Pres. James Baughman explains a game to the children.

happened to them: 1) They were assigned to groups made up of about ten children of their same grade level for the morning activities, and 2) their level was equally divided, according to age, between the "Red Team" and the "White Team". Thus, 125 children belonged to the "Red Team", and 125 children belonged to the "White Team". Throughout the day, children would "earn" points for their team whenever they won or placed in an event. At the end of the day, the team with the most points would be the winner for the day!

ing our mind and body strong and healthy. We pledge to become the leaders of the future.

During the morning events, the 17 groups of younger children (K-2), competed in traditional Fourth of July events such as: egg-in-the-spoon race, balloon pop races, obstacle courses, etc.

At the same time, the older children were also competing. However, the organization of the older children was somewhat different. Children were divided into Jr. and Sr. Red and White

teams of each grade level. The teams competed against each other earning points for their overall team. During the morning competition was limited to boys against boys and girls against girls. The Jr. and Sr. groups competed in kick-ball, relay races such as a three-legged-race, a relay race through an obstacle course, and a treasure hunt.

After the morning events, everyone



Participants run the three-legged race.

2. We are the fruits of True Parents' true love. We pledge to unite and help one another to become people of true love.
3. We build our self-confidence through mak-

had time to enjoy a picnic lunch on the Belvedere lawn. Families either ate food that they brought with them or else they purchased hot dogs and sodas from the concession stand. Participants were treated to McCool to help quench their thirst after the busy morning.

The afternoon events were the highlight of the day for many participants. During the afternoon, all of the children competed in events involving everyone on the Red and White teams—125 Red team members vs. 125 White team members! From the morning competition, it was discovered that the Red team was leading by only 7 points! Either team still had a chance to win the day-long competition, since each event in the afternoon would be worth 10 points!

The teams began by competing in a tug-of-war competition. There were two tug-of-war competitions: the Red team won one and the White team won the other—the Red team was still ahead by 7 points!

Following the tug-of-war, the Red

and White team competed in a "Balloon-Pop" competition. Participants had a balloon tied with a piece of yarn to their ankle. The object of the game was to pop as many of the opposing team's balloons as possible. The team with the

would have to pass a ball from one end of their line to the other. However, they must hand the ball to the person behind them, and it must be handed over the head by the first person, then under the legs by the next, and so on. The team

that won two out of the three trials in this contest would be awarded with 10 points. If the White team could win this event, it would be in the lead! After a great deal of effort and team unity, the winner was: "Go Red Go!" Yes, that's right, the Red team won the "Over-Under" event. This win gave the Red team a 17 point lead.

The final event was a "Water-Brigade". In

full bucket filling up his/her cup with water, turning to the next person in line, filling his/her cup, and so on. The water was poured from cup to cup down the line and into the empty bucket. The team with the most water in their bucket at the end of the time won. Once again, the Red team won. Thus, at the end of the day, the Red team won by only 27 points—a very close competition!

The day ended with a closing ceremony in which Dr. James Baughman and Mrs. Sang Reng Chi presented children from both teams with ribbons and prizes. Following the singing of "Tongil Nore", a closing prayer, and mansei, children and adults alike reluctantly said good-bye, parting from the friends and good times they found that day.

The genesis of the Olympics was from the inspiration and direction of True Parents who wanted to have a day of fun and fellowship for the Blessed Children through which they could develop themselves as God's children. The theme of the Olympics Day was "Pioneering Harmony and Excellence." Through the development of harmonious friendships and development of self-confidence and physical excellence, the children were able to experience part of the joy of being God's children. □



The children jump their way to the finish line.

most remaining balloons at the end won. This event was also held twice to compensate for different age groups. As with the tug-of-war, both teams won the event once! The Red team still led by only 7 points!

The "Balloon-Pop" event was followed by an "Under-Over" contest. In this event, the two teams lined up. They

this event, the teams were once more lined up. Each person was given a cup, and each team had a full pail of water at one end of their line and an empty pail of water at the other end of their line. In order to win this event, the teams needed to transfer the water from the full bucket to the empty bucket. This was done by the team member closest to the

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A Single-Minded Life of Faith

Abel figure is God. She goes to God: "God, this and that needs to be done. . ." They communicate and she goes back to work. Day and night she is busy. Her chima chogori is always moving around. She offers a kyongbe to God, but doesn't completely kneel down, because she has to stand back up quickly and continue working. She is so busy in the spiritual world. We too must work hard on the earth and be busy every day, because our lifetime on earth is limited.

I feel that Hong Halmonim sometimes visits our house, so I always place a glass of pure water in front of her picture. I feel spiritually that because Hong Halmonim is so busy in the spiritual world, she is always thirsty. Thank you. □

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The Institute of Korean Study for Foreign Students

There are several fundamental points that we would like to see parents emphasize more. Some of them sound external, but they are not actually. Many children are used to being entertained by video tapes or TV. But in our dorm we don't ever watch TV. Once a week the children watch an English and a Japanese video. So some of them don't know what to do without a videotape machine when they first come over. Not knowing how to entertain themselves, they are easily bored. Parents need to help their child do creative things, especially reading. If they want their children to go to school a long time in Korea they must read a lot to keep up their native language. One of their reasons for coming here is to eventually go back to their country and teach about Father. If they forget their native language they can't fulfill one of Father's original desires for having them study here. So

reading is really important. One beautiful way to spend time with your child is to go to the library with them.

Q: What is acceptance being based on?

A: There are about 180 Japanese children who were eligible to come this April, and only 20 could come. About 96 were eligible from the West, and only a handful were able to come.

Until two years ago basically everyone could come. But for the last two years the Japanese have tested their children in math, Japanese and Korean; the Western educational departments are beginning to test in English, math and Korean. The children go to so many different kinds of schools with different standards, so you can't simply rely on report cards. Our advice is to also do personal interviews. Maturity is such an important aspect of being able to succeed in their studies here. We have prepared guidelines so that parents can prepare their children in advance, which are available through national education offices. □

A Cross Rising in the East

by Ann Schaffner

Under the guidance of Liselotte Morgenthaler-Perrottet, IRF General Secretary, Germany, the ongoing "Forum Religion und Weltgestaltung (Forum of Religion and Society)" has taken a giant step eastward since the end of March of this year—eastward from West Germany across the barbed wire and vacated buildings at the border into East Germany.

And it was to be the second of such conferences that I was invited—the first having taken place in Eisenach, East Germany under the theme of "The Role of Religion in the

Future of Europe" on March 24-25. Its success prompted Liselotte to quickly organize another such meeting in

Jena, specifically there due to the suggestion of an attendee in Eisenach. [Interestingly enough, Karl Marx was awarded his doctorate at the University of Jena!]

For me, merely the invitation to such an event was thrilling because it was my initial visit into this unknown land which I'd heard so much of. In a very special way, it was the answer to a vision I had following Pledge on March 18—the first time our fellow Germans went to the polls in over 40 years. On that morning as I finished praying I saw a large cross rising out of the East German earth, with one end at Rostock, the other at Dresden. Needless to say, it was a massive structure, shining brightly as if just newly polished.

I often asked myself what was the meaning of this rising cross—until I received a phone call from Liselotte asking me to attend the Jena meeting, slated for June 16-17.

The planning stages toward the conference itself were nearly as action-packed and thrilling as the actual event, since, the conference center we initially booked later tripled its

prices! After a suitable hall at the university was arranged, three days prior to the fixed date the conference was kicked out under pressure from the city government. This last minute change of plan was sparked by two undesirable articles in the local newspaper, urging anyone invited to boycott the Forum, and after intensively and pointedly questioning the city officials, it was understood that West German Protestant ministers, "experts" on new religious movements, had made their inroads into the Jena political arena.

Now is the time for our Unification movement, with its vast array of activities in the ecumenical arena, to stretch out its hand and save this sinking Christianity.

Through God's Hand a hall was found, appropriate to accommodate the FRW, at 9 o'clock on the morning the meeting was scheduled to begin. We were able to use the former communist cultural center, located on the outskirts of Jena.

With the theme "Absolute Values in Today's Society" the conference was underway, moderated by Dr. Edmond Weber, professor of Protestant Theology at the University of Frankfurt. On Satur-

day, June 16, Dr. Rainer Stahl, lecturer in Old Testament Studies at the Leipzig Theological Seminary, presented an offering entitled "The Old Testament as a Source of Lasting Value." This complemented the topic presented by Professor Dr. Hans Schwarz, Protestant Theology Professor at the University of Regensburg, who spoke directly to the conference theme of absolute values in our present society. The final presentation for the day was given by Ulrich Tuente, European Director of the Unification Thought Institute, on the topic of "Ab-

bsolute Values: Advancement or Withdrawal and Unification Philosophy Perspective."

On Sunday morning, June

17, Siegfried Hollitzer, active with Christian-Jewish Dialogue in Leipzig, and Prof. Dr. Jorgen Redhardt, professor of Religious Psychology and Religious Education at the University of Glessen, related their talks to the question of truth and the concept of education toward a world orientation, respectively.

Intertwined between each talk were very lively discussions, where the concept of absolute values vis-a-vis the



Conference participants at the Forum Religion und Weltgestaltung in Jena, East Germany.



East and West German participants share over lunch.

present political and socio-economic situation in East and West Germany

brethren.

In addition, the restaurant in which

was drawn more to the forefront.

However, for those participants from the West a unique opportunity was found in regards to the lodging—we stayed in “Bed and Breakfasts” in small villages east of Jena, enabling us to talk with our hosts and their families over breakfast and to gain a deeper awareness of these East German

we ate our meals was at one time the home of Martin Luther, interestingly enough located directly across the street from the university where Marx studied!

Concluding this account, I reflect back on my vision of the cross rising through the East German soil and pray that it will not slip back into quicksand. A primary force leading toward the destruction and dismantling of the Berlin Wall last November was the church, though the crowds of believers at the “Nikolaikirche” in Leipzig have become but a dim memory. A very strong sense of secular materialism has permeated this land to the point of suffocation. Yet all is not lost—now is the time for our Unification movement, with its vast array of activities in the ecumenical arena, to stretch out its hand and save the people of Eastern Europe. Now, rather than later, when it may be too late! □

Father's Prayer for Eastern Europe

Given after Sunday Pledge on November 19, 1989, at the European Leaders' Conference in Camberg, West Germany.

Beloved Father! Today, please remember this training center here in Camberg, which is now the focus of the attention of heaven and earth. I know that You have connected the family members in Europe to the Unification Country to come and that you have already established the basis for Europe to become one. As Korea is divided between North and South, it is also divided between East and West. The division of Adam's sons into Cain and Abel, which began the satanic history, has descended through history and brought about the painful division of Your children into the democratic world and the communist world. It has now finally been overcome after You have given the opportunity of a forty-year course of restoration through indemnity of the foundations lost through the failure of established Christianity and America after the liberation of Korea.

In view of your sufferings and pains, Father, I cannot but thank you again for having been able to contribute to this. A terrible course of indemnity, which nobody fully knows, had to be passed. There have been the horizontal stages of the individual, the family, the tribe, the race, the nation, the world, the universe and God; also the vertical children worldwide. Allow their hearts to be centered on the True Parents at all times and give them, and all those who are dedicating themselves for the fulfillment of Your providence, all Your grace, Your mercy and Your blessings. Also please let all the

members of the Unification family unite their hearts in love with Yours. Today the leaders of some twenty European countries have come to be here. Especially members who have worked in the satellite countries of the communist bloc have come here today. Please, let a new chapter in the history of the world be unfolded through this meeting and make it an important occasion for the turning around of the satanic history and the harvesting of the fruits of Your heavenly history. May all the events of this day be dominated by You and bless these few days in Europe so that they can serve as an advancement of Your will and become worthy of being cherished memories in the history of Your providence. Please be with the children in Korea who are dedicating themselves in their prayers with their hearts turned toward the Parents here, and guide them to be able to fulfill their responsibilities and let all their actions be acceptable in Your eyes. I sincerely pray that Europe will fulfill the purpose for which You created it. Please allow it to completely unite with Your providence and become one country and one cultural sphere for You. I pray that this day may be a proud day in the history of Your providence and that all that is done today may be centered on Your will and offered as a victorious contribution.

I pray all this in the name of the True Parents. Amen. Amen. Amen.

(Translated by Mr. Dong Moon Joo)

Places of Worship in Multi-faith India

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

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"Places of Worship in Multi-faith India" was the title of a conference co-sponsored by the Council for the World's Religions, the Indian Institute of Islamic Studies and the Guru Nanak Foundation. Between March 17-20 of this year, against a backdrop of violent rioting, political maneuvering, and a nation longing for peace and resolution, 33 Indian dignitaries and people of influence gathered to work out answers.

The complex religious history of India has created a present situation which blisters with violent conflict, and national problems that defy resolution. It is a testimony to the human spirit that solutions are optimistically sought, and it is a greater testimony to the founders of the great religious traditions that their messages and insights provide the only legitimate ground upon which serious agendas for peace can be put forth.

In India, as in many places around the world, power-hungry politicians exploit religious sensibilities of the masses to suit their own needs and political agendas. Both leaders and common people succumb to this manipulation of their pride and honor, even going so far as to violate the teachings and fundamental principles of their respective faiths, and involving themselves in violence and aggression.

On the side-lines, members of the modern, secular media gladly fuel the flames of destruction in the hopes of selling more papers, winning the largest viewership on the six o'clock news, and promoting the flawed, scientific ideologies by which one demonstrates oneself to be "modern," "enlightened," "objective" and "rational." Reportage and analysis of so-called "religious" phenomena is carried out by people (i.e., your average news reporter or editor) who know no more about religion and spirituality than the Dalai Lama knows about running a successful newspaper. Consequently world-wide

consumers of "news" (including political, economic and cultural leaders) come to be convinced of the existence of "religious" wars, "religious" rioting or uprisings—all misnomers.

Of course, people of different religions have a great deal about which they may potentially differ or even enter into conflict. But truly religious people have an infinitely greater potential to resolve conflicts because the very principles which define their lives are grounded in revelations and insights designed to bring peace and prosperity through

both representing the perfect compatibility of their respective faiths and applying that compatibility by intensely laboring together in search of solutions.

One participant described this conference as "a golden opportunity in my personal as well as academic life." Indeed, prominent leaders described this work as "unparalleled," and "sorely needed."

Sacred Land

The issue for this particular conference involved, as the title explains, places of worship or sacred land. Throughout its long history India has been ruled by powers which, at various times, identified themselves with different religions. There was a long period of Muslim ascendancy, as well as that of Hindus.

The Sikhs also participated in this historical entanglement coming on to the scene somewhat later (from the early 16th century). With each change of ruling class, mighty warriors and emperors, anxious, as all people are, to attract God's favor, spent abundantly on their

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humility and self-sacrifice. Here at the "Places Of Worship" Conference, India's greatest religious leaders actually had to make their way past violent rioting in order to arrive at the conference site. Principal spokespeople for the three religions involved spent days together



Seated at the head table in the conference room at Hamdard University are, from left to right: Dr. Frank Kaufmann; Sri Srivatsa Goswami, heir to the Caitanya Vishnavait sect of Hinduism; Muni-ji Acharya Sushil Kumar, world renowned Jain saint; Jathedar Manjit Singh, one of the five foremost Sikh leaders in India.

gods. These symbols of their devotion included building bigger and better places of worship, better than those of the former (vanquished) powers. And if these bigger and better places could be built on the former sites of the vanquished gods and their peoples, thus "erasing" all signs of the "false," and "weaker" powers, so much the better.

Now the war games of that particular sort are over, and India attempts to govern itself as a secular democracy, granting equal rights to all religious believers. But history has left this land with mosques where temples once were, temples where mosques once were, sacred burial grounds occupying now valuable land, and a host of other historical legacies that muddy the contemporary waters.

All nations face a unique challenge of historic restoration as they struggle to establish an ideal standard for national existence in the modern world. In this way, each nation must not merely learn what the ideal structures are, but must also clear the way, through restoration principles, for that ideal structure to be



Conference participants pose for the group photo.

which both has long held the ideal of interreligious harmony and cooperation and has welcomed the CWR in a big way into its national affairs. The current Prime Minister of India, VP Singh, sent a letter of commendation and encouragement to the conferees which was read at the conference inauguration. For this reason India may be blessed by seeing an end to its internal strife, but so much hard work yet remains.

As for specifics, the big issues for this conference were: (1) the massacre of Sikh worshippers by government troops in the Golden Temple in Amritsar, following the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi; and (2) what is known as the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid controversy—Ram Janma means the temple which marks the site of the legendary birthplace of the God Ram (a Hindu holy place), and Bhoom-Babri Masjid is the name of the Muslim mosque which presently stands on the grounds of that site.

Both issues burn on the present political scene. The latter virtually dominated the most recent Indian national elections. Who then would dare gather the very leaders of each of these religious communities (Hindu, Muslim and Sikh) and put them together, in the public eye, in search of peace and resolution?

The Risk Paid Off

The risk paid off. The conference was attended by the foremost representatives of the religions involved. Two Jathedars (the very highest leaders of Sikhs), Im-

ams (Muslim), Hindu Priests, Acharyas (a title of honor or sainthood in Jain and other Indian religious traditions), University Vice-Chancellors, Supreme Court Justices, foundation founders and presidents, commercial leaders, journalists, students, monks and holy men and women, worked together. Press conferences were held, television crews were sent to cover the inaugural banquet (which was attended by parliamentarians, ambassadors and other city, state and national leaders), and religious communities around the city held special services to welcome the conferees.

A number of important papers were presented from which a CWR Report will be compiled for the research use of policy makers.

So does it all make any difference? Does the fighting become less? I say yes. In the land of fast food and instant winners one may find skeptics about the process. But men and women seriously involved in human and social transformation know that the deep problems require great and prolonged investment, before lasting change can occur. For millennia the power of self-interest has been generating ideologies and human institutions which, for the petty gain of a few, breed resentment, war, and degraded human existence. The process of building peace requires an even greater commitment on the part of those involved in creating ideologies and social institutions designed to promote peace and the flourishing of human goodness.

The process can happen only one step at a time, but this conference was a very big step. □



Two participants converse over lunch.

implanted. This is a little-known reality in contemporary analyses of current geo-politics.

India has long sought an ideal for interreligious harmony, and for this reason has the potential to become a world leader in this area, especially to those nations which have not even held such harmony at least as an ideal.

As we know, restoration is best achieved through clear, precise patterns. Those nations which embrace and welcome the CWR as a peacemaker in their national growth and development, are indeed enhancing the possibility of inheriting these specific principles of restoration. In India we have a nation

Elaine Ward Okoda

The following memoriam was composed with the help of Elaine's parents and Lynn Mathers, and is part of a testimony which was presented at her Sûng-hwa ceremony in Tarrytown, New York on August 2, 1990.

Elaine Ward Okoda, born Elaine Ethel Ward on August 13, 1957, weighing in at 5 lbs., 8 oz. was the fourth child of Harcourt and Betty Ward.

She had two sisters, Carol and Janice, and a brother, Paul. In her early years, Mom and Dad did their best in training and instilling the values of life as they understood them to this lively, energetic little girl. Through her school years, she was a good student with many friends. In high school, she was on the track team, specializing in the 400 and 800 meter. Elaine loved the summers, the beach and swimming. She also took up skateboarding. She was a Girl Scout, progressing from Brownies to Girl Scouts to Juniors with Mom as one of her leaders. After high school, she attended Harcum Junior College. She was first string on the badminton team, and became Class President in her second year. She started studying guitar in high school and practiced continually, becoming quite accomplished. She continued to play until her illness.

She and several friends took two camping trips across the country. In Seattle, she and her friends were invited to a dinner and lecture by a member of the Unification Church there. And so began another phase of Elaine's life, during which she continued to accomplish many things and work very hard for what she believed in. On September 1, 1978, Elaine joined the Unification Church in Seattle, Washington.

In December of 1979, she came to New York with Mr. Neil Salonen's International One World Crusade team, the IOWC. In 1980 the IOWC became part of New York Church.

On July 1, 1982, Elaine Ward was blessed in marriage with Mr. Yutaka Okoda in a ceremony with 2,000 couples in Madison Square Garden in New York City.

In January, 1983, she joined a new IOWC mobilization under Reverend and Mrs. Reiner Vincenz. Rev. and Mrs. Vincenz, now in Germany, sent the following remembrance:

Before Elaine joined in January 1983 the new IOWC mobilization, she had been working in the Headquarters fundraising team. During that time, she prayed a lot for a change of mission to do witnessing. Then Dr. Mose Durst allowed her to join our team.

Elaine was a very gifted sister, representing America in a very outstanding way. She did all the secretarial work, public relations, fundraising, and witnessing. She supported and served with a very sacrificial heart, always showing much love for God and True Parents. Starting with the IOWC in 1983 in Los Angeles, Elaine gave her best through crusading in 18 cities.

In the spring of 1984 in Chicago, Elaine was called to New York to work in Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's office. We always stayed in close contact, and of course we were shocked when we first heard about Elaine's illness. Now her suffering has come to an end and we wish her much happiness in her new life.



In 1984, Elaine became Rev. Kwak's personal secretary. She had a short break from that hectic schedule when she went to the IOWC mobilization in Ohio for four months. When she returned, she became Mr. Shunichiro Yoshida's secretary. During the latter part of her stay in this mission, she was able to accompany Rev. Kwak on a trip to Korea as his personal

assistant.

In 1987, she helped run the office at the 16th ICUS, the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1988, she joined the staff of the International Cultural Foundation where she worked until she was no longer able to because of her illness. While she was there, in November of 1988, she worked on the staff of the 17th ICUS in Los Angeles taking care of True Parents' rooms under the direction of Mrs. Mija Baughman.

Rev. Kwak expressed these words about Elaine:

Elaine truly gave of herself and sacrificed for the sake of her mission. Her warm spirit was and still is an inspiration to those who worked with her.

The spiritual world is the world of true love, which is the origin of God and True Parents. Even though her external situation was so difficult, she kept this vertical true love relationship with God and True Parents so purely. This is so amazing. She continued to serve God's providence during her sickness. This example of filial piety is very precious to Heavenly Father and True Parents.

True Father shared, "In our way of life and tradition, spirit world and physical world are one, and by our living up to that kind of ideal, we bring the two worlds together into one." I pray that Elaine can help bring the two worlds into grater harmony. □



Celestial Colors

Artwork by Jeung Jin Moon

The following is excerpted from comments by Mr. Peter Kim given at the June 14 Leaders' Conference at East Garden. Jeung Jin Nim's birthday was celebrated on the morning of the Leaders' Conference.

Jeung Jin Nim is an excellent artist. Recently there was an art contest at Central Park in New York. Hundreds of children recommended by their teachers for their skill in drawing came and drew their pictures right there in front of the judges. They selected Jeung Jin Nim as the top artist.

Even before that, Jeung Jin Nim's drawings have been displayed at school and elsewhere. Last year drawings were collected from 320,000 Korean children in America and in Korea. Teachers went over each item one by one and Jeung Jin Nim won a gold medal. Other winners were a third grader and a sixth grader, but Jeung Jin Nim is just a second grader.

Jeung Jin Nim's title for her drawing was "The World in All Colors." She wrote a few lines explaining her drawing: "Moon Jeung Jin, [Hackley School] second grader. I am happy to win this gold medal. I drew trees and a small stone bridge and a duck and I also included in my drawing the tall buildings standing behind the park. There are so many things which I want to draw in the park where families come on picnics



and enjoy. I love to draw pictures and I will keep drawing pictures."

Hyung Jin Nim and Young Jin Nim have also won gold medals in art. All Father's family are artistic and musical. Particularly, Jeung Jin Nim is excellent in mixing colors. Two years ago she drew one picture and teachers said it was superb, that even college students couldn't do that. Jeung Jin Nim is a violinist, pianist, and singer, as well.

For several days Jeung Jin Nim was afraid that Father and Mother might go away for a public mission again and miss her birthday. Yesterday, when Father and I were on the third floor, she was in and out, checking to make sure Father didn't go. □

The World of Heart is Not a Dream

Reflection by Peter F. Brown

After True Father's 70th birthday, I'm sure many of us wondered about the future when Father goes to spirit world. How many of us who have been in the church for quite a number of years, have already reached the half-way point of our life? Now that we're 35 or 40, perhaps we have begun to realize that we don't have our whole life ahead of us, but only half of it.

At the same time, the providence is advancing so rapidly that it seems a more heavenly atmosphere will be prevalent in the world during the next 50 years. These factors seem to point to one conclusion: During the second half of our lives we will see truly momentous changes in our church lives.

I've asked myself, "When I go to the spirit world, will I be the loving child of True Parents that I want to be?" To tell the truth, this question raises my level of anxiety considerably for it's not a comfortable question. But it's one that I force myself to ask, because I really don't want to arrive in spirit world with deep regret, and spend my time wandering around a grey and dusty plain, asking people, "Have you seen True Parents or God around here?"

In a recent speech Father mentioned a "heart thread" connecting us to True Parents. When I reflect about the times when I felt love very deeply for True Parents, when that "thread" was very apparent, I realize that this is the way I want it to be all the time, especially in the spirit world after I die.

I think this heartistic vision was what excited us so much when we joined the church. We felt love and looked forward to a world of love. Although it wasn't very clear to us how that would happen, that was our vision. We experienced love when we joined the church, and found ourselves, even without knowing it, becoming part of a family.

How many times were we

nurtured by our leaders when we were young in the church? How many people loved us? When I remember the times that I was loved, I want to cry with gratitude. Mr. Izukawa, Mr. Kamiyama, Mrs. Eu—the list of elder brothers and sisters, "aunts and uncles", that served and loved me is too long to mention. I wasn't special, just a kid. It was the virtue of those elders that caused them to express love to me. Didn't we all experience a similar degree of love?

Sometimes we are loved in ways that we don't expect, or the expression of love is different than what we are used to. I believe these are some of the reasons why it has been difficult for Western members to appreciate the heart of love coming from the Korean or Japanese leaders, whose way of thought and expression of heart are very different than

our own.

Receiving love

Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu is sometimes very direct or forthright in her speech. But behind her words one can feel deep love and a soft heart. She mentioned a Korean term once called "eye love." Children in Korea are trained to understand their parents' heart coming from their eyes. Then, even though there may not be a smile on their lips and their words might be gruff, the love coming from their eyes is very clear.

God and True Parents loved us too. I remember being loved by God, for it could have been no one else. During MFT, I was sitting on a hill behind a shopping center with my candy box beside me and my head in my arms, thoroughly depressed. I heard footsteps and

looked up. A checkout girl was walking toward me, holding a paper plate with a sandwich on it and a glass of coke. She smiled, handed it to me and silently went back down the hill.

Rev. Sudo once remarked that the easiest way to increase our love for God was to investigate how much God loved us. To me, when I reflect about our life in the church, it seems this time has been a process of being embraced by God, embraced by True Parents, and embraced by our brothers and sisters. When we remember how we were loved deeply and profoundly by so many, then our heartfelt reaction is to gain confidence that we are lovable. That does something to us. We feel an urge coming from the very bottom of our heart to love God and True Parents and our brothers and sisters in return. We look at True Parents' picture and feel invisible bonds of love between us. As we think of True Parents, we want to cry from the longing welling up within us to be with True Parents.

We lose the feeling that



Peter Brown and Mrs. Gil Ja Eu meet at East Garden in 1983.

someday in the future we will be happy, and appreciate that we are happy now because we are part of True Parents. Our desire to give, to love and to serve become stronger each day.

My own life became amazingly clear when I stopped one day and thought deeply about my true desires. I wrote down all my desires, even the bad ones, and then chose the one that I wanted to fulfill the most: I really want to make Heavenly Father and True Parents happy. It's such a simple desire, but so powerful. It changes my perspective on every aspect of my life.

Heavenly Father's and True Parents' happiness, certainly, cannot be decided by us—it is for them to say when they are happy. This is quite different from some aspects of traditional Christianity. We don't feel it's enough to be loved by God and Christ. We are more concerned about attendance, filial piety and caring for our Parents, no matter how old we might be as children. I believe that Father and Mother have this attitude toward God as well.

Lifestyle of attendance

I remind myself that all I have to really do is go to Father in prayer, and say, "Father, what would you like me to do? I'm yours, I'm your child, I belong to you, and all I want to do in my life is to love you, and to love as you do. Send me anywhere, ask me anything, anytime. I want to offer my heart and love and body to you, with no reservations, no strings, and no limitations." I am convinced that if we approach True Parents with this attitude, Father and Mother will feel very moved.

he wants them to do, and they don't do anything with their lives, their homes, their fortunes, or their destinies unless they check along that vertical line. It might seem to some to be an impractical attitude, but we can feel so much confidence if we link our destinies with True Parents. More importantly, if doing so causes True Parents to feel joy, then our own joy is boundless. True Parents feel joy by our total dedication because True Parents want us to be with them, and participating with them in loving others.

We have many complicated situations and desires. But when we die and go to spirit world, what will matter? The Israelites constantly battled with this problem of absolute offering; what they did, and what they thought, influenced history. How will it influence the creation of the 21st Century World of Heart if we, as a united Western church, substantially offer ourselves to Father?

Statement from the West

We are all very small, and not particularly very good yet, but what would happen if we all could make a spiritual statement for the 1990's? We could present

moved to tears?

What is our motivation? We love True Parents and God, so we want to love people with tears and service. We as subjective, thoughtful and intellectual



Rev. Chong Young Ryu with Peter's son in Richmond, Virginia.

people, want to give our love to others to make them happy. Loving our Parents and being part of their extended family is more important to us than secular fortune or fame.

Looking around at the American movement, can we really honestly say that we have demonstrated the same level of filial piety as the elder Korean or Japanese leaders toward True Parents? Our movement would be profoundly different when more of us grow to that depth of heart. From a more urgent perspective, can we love the new members that join our church in America and around the world? We must be able to impart to them a tradition of filial piety toward True Parents.

Perhaps the foremost question of the 1990's

for the American Movement is, "How can we become loving people and children of filial piety to True Parents?" As we move toward the goal of true love in preparation for the 21st century, we know that it will be the century of true love and not the century of war. Thus the world of heart is not a dream, but a reality. □

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When I feel love very deeply for True Parents, when that "heart thread" is very apparent, I realize that this is the way I want it to be all the time, especially in the spirit world after I die.

How do we know if our lives are in line with God's Will and True Parents' desires? I think the Korean and Japanese elders have discovered that the means to the end are the same as the end. If unity and filial piety to Father are our goals, then it makes sense that those goals will be achieved through unity and filial piety.

I believe that the Korean and Japanese elders (and many among the general membership as well) have adopted a credo of sorts. They ask Father what

True Parents with a Declaration of Heart from the Western Movement, simply stating, "We belong to you, True Parents. We love you. Send us anywhere in the world. Anytime. For anything. No questions asked. Don't worry about our situations. We will go. You can count on us in the 1990's and beyond."

This just might be a spiritually powerful statement. Perhaps it would make a dramatic impact on America's spiritual fortune. With a heart from us like this, wouldn't God and True Parents be

Has our Parent God been sad or happy? For the first time in history a handful of people are realizing how sad God has been.

When God is sad, can we be cheerful? Our knowledge that love and happiness comes only in a reciprocal relationship is essential in understanding the intimate nature of God.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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