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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS in your mission country: My wife and I send our greetings and appreciation to you. I want to share the following words with you of my understanding of the present dispensation:

How a new era begins

The Completed Testament Age started with 1993. This era is very hopeful but at the same time is a very fearful age. Before we think of the Completed Testament era, let us compare this age with the time of transition from the Old Testament era to the New Testament era. The Old Testament era centered on Judaism. The power of Judaism was so strong that even Jesus Christ had to go the way of crucifixion. If we consider this point, then the New Testament era began forty days after Jesus' death at the time of the resurrection when the Holy Spirit appeared and the Pentecost came down. This was the way Christianity began. Therefore, Jesus' spiritual position and the Holy Spirit's spiritual position of True Parents brought about the beginning of the New Testament era. Though not many Jewish people believed Jesus was the Messiah, only a small percentage, it did not matter. Christianity reached the worldwide level because of Jesus' and the Holy Spirit's victorious foundation.

By the same token, as Father and Mother have accomplished victoriously the True Parents' position both in spirit and body, the Completed Testament era has begun. Therefore, it does not matter whether Christianity accepts Father as the Messiah or not because already Unificationism has gone to the worldwide level centering on the True Parents. The transition from the Old Testament era to the New Testament era was the process of restoration. However, from the New Testament to the Completed Testament era is really the end of restoration. Also looking at this from another view Adam and Eve fell at the perfection level of the growth stage meaning that the formation and growth stages were taken by Satan, but not the perfection or completion stage. From this perspective, the Completed Testament era really centers on God's side of the providence. At this time the spirit body can reach the divine spirit position. Therefore many spiritual ancestors and spirits try to come to earth and work with us to accomplish God's will.

Attendance and restoration

A truly different era has started. We should recognize clearly that a different era has started. Another important point is understood when looking at the three stages in the providence of restoration. Restoration was accomplished through sacrificial offerings in the Old Testament era and through faith in the New Testament era.

We realize that Completed Testament era is accomplished through attendance to True Parents. This is the key. Also, during this era the mission of blessed couples is to accomplish the mission of tribal messiah. We have to internally inherit the heart of True Parents. As we completely unite centering on True Parents' level of heart, then based on this foundation we have to do tribal messiah activities.

Basically, the activity of tribal messiah is to go to our hometown and restore our tribe. The mission of messiah is salvation, and salvation means restoration through indemnity. Restoration through indemnity means the process of recreation. This is really the basic formula. So, to accomplish our tribal messiah mission is to bring all our tribe to receive the blessing. Then we have finished our tribal messiah mission. The blessing is the final fruit of the providence of restoration. Therefore, this is very, very important.

As you know in less than three years from now, the True Parents have plans for a very large holy wedding. Therefore, I want to urge you, each blessed couple, as a tribal messiah should bring at least twelve families or couples as candidates for the blessing. Therefore, please within this year find twelve candidate families or twenty-four candidate individuals. Then we have to prepare for this huge blessing festival.

In conclusion, we have to accomplish the tribal messiah mission. We have to go to hometown. We also have to know that True Parents have plans for many activities. This is not separate from the nation and church. This kind of witnessing is all connected as everything is basically the same original mission. If someone has a public mission and cannot go to their hometown, then, please write to your relatives and if you have the chance make time to visit your hometown for witnessing. Please focus in this way for witnessing.

Accomplishment versus indemnity

Everyone is thinking that tribal messiah is an independent mission, but that is completely misunderstanding the tribal messiah mission. We have to do this work relating and cooperating with the church structure. Regarding the meaning of the Completed Testament era and tribal messiah we have to have God's viewpoint which means we go through this perfection stage by accomplishing our responsibility instead of paying indemnity.

Therefore this is a new starting point. From Satan's point of view, he cannot accuse individually as we are under God and True Parents. Furthermore, we should become more loyal children. From True Parents' lifestyle

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True Parents and Bless

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THE topic of my sermon this morning is *Cham bumonim gwa chukbok pajong*, "True Parents and Blessed Couples." In the traditional religious world, there is no real concept of marriage; most Buddhist monks stay celibate, as do most Catholic priests. Second, people of high-level religions commonly leave home to follow the religious way; the Israelites, for example, spent over four hundred years in Egypt before returning home. Third, high-level religions are characterized by an indemnity course; the Orientals have some vague under-

standing of indemnity, and that concept doesn't exist in the Western world.

THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEMNITY

This morning we must come to a clear understanding of indemnity. If the fall had not taken place, the natural order would have been God, Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel. However, because of the fall the order became reversed. Satan rules in the place of God, and God is at the bottom. The younger brother must play the role of elder brother; in fact, he must become the



Father says, "The small plus and small minus unite and search for a bigger plus and greater unity until they reach God. We pay the price to achieve this unity by traveling backwards along the road of indemnity," as Mother looks on admiringly.

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ed Couples

elder brother. It is not natural for the younger brother to take over the position of elder brother. Each step of the way, positions need to be reversed and indemnity paid.

In the religious world, we go the reverse way, the unnatural way. We have to give up this world. This is very difficult for Westerners, who don't want to give up anything. Therefore, we must understand indemnity, which is the law of the religious world.

The goal of humankind is to return to the original position. That requires indemnity. Salvation is equal to restoration, and the only way we can be restored is by severing our relationship with Satan. This is done by paying indemnity.

Most religions begin in a proper manner, but as they develop, they lose sight of this principle and stop serving. Jesus consistently taught us to go through difficulties, to rejoice under persecution, to serve others, to love our enemy. These are all things that ordinary human beings don't want to do. Jesus stressed these points and, without paying indemnity, no one can be elevated spiritually.

The highest of Jesus' teachings was that those who seek to save their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them. How paradoxical this is! People were stunned at Jesus' words and wondered why those who seek to save their lives will lose them. Satan has attached himself to fallen people, and the only way he will release his grip is if they say they are ready to give up their lives.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRST-BORN

Why does the first-born become the second-born? People in the first-born position eventually become proud. Many religious people forget the way of indemnity and become arrogant. Therefore, the second-born people, who tend to be more humble, will eventually become the first-born.

When Abel gains the position of elder son, he must then raise up Cain. However, if he demands to be served by Cain instead of raising him up, Abel will go down to the position of Cain. Those who are blessed first, such as the thirty-six couples, must also abide by this rule. If they consider themselves greater than others than those who were blessed later, they are breaking this principle.

Restoration is the same as re-creation. God first created the environment. In the environment, the first thing we notice is plus and minus, or subject and object. There is always subject and object. In the mineral kingdom there are elements of plus and minus; there are male and female aspects of all living beings. This is the law of creation, and re-creation operates the same way.

Here in our church there is plus and minus in the process of re-creation. I am in the position of plus, and all of you are in the

corresponding position of minus.

SUBMIT TO GOD'S RE-CREATION

The created beings waited for God to make them. They had no idea what they were going to be. When it is about to be created, a being does not have a preference for its type of existence. It is just obedient to whatever its creator will make of it. Likewise, you should not have any concept of what you will be. The potter molds the clay in whatever way he thinks best. You should have the expectant attitude of the clay. The one who is subject always invests a lot of sweat and work into his creation; nothing is produced automatically.

The minus must be absolutely open to the plus; if the minus position holds on to its own ideas, it negates much of the plus position's ideas. I cannot submit my work to the criticism of Harvard University graduates or other so-called educated persons. Like a nursing baby, you need to drink my words; like milk, they are the best nourishment to enable you to grow up healthy.

Reflect back on how often you have complained. People who complain, do so out of ignorance. When you complain, you are acting like a cousin of Satan. How many of you can say you have no relationship with Satan?

When God is re-creating something and the satanic world rises up in protest, God pretends there is no revolt and perseveres in silence. The raw material should not have its own idea about its destiny; it just keeps silent and waits. God lets religious people experience this kind of revolt so they won't do the same thing to God. Persecution is not necessarily bad, then, from this point of view. Opposition becomes the raw material of re-creation.

HIGHER LEVELS OF UNITY

Our mind and body are separated and engage in almost continuous struggle. The body should follow the mind all the time, but that does not always happen. Satan gets hold of the body and makes it a plus; the mind was originally the plus, so the two pluses repel each other. The only way for a person to become united—which we must do at any cost—is for the body to always listen to the mind.

The person whose mind and body have become one is ready to create a higher plus—in this case, by marrying. Such a family will gather together and act as a minus to the tribe, which is a higher plus, and make unity with it. The united tribe will be in the minus position to the nation, which is the higher plus. Eventually, the united nation will become one with the world, and the united world will become one with the spirit world and God.

God is the king of the universe. His son and daughter, Adam and Eve, were prince and princess. Their offspring, numbering in the millions, were to be born as princes and princesses of God Himself. Through true love, we become completely one within ourselves and one with God. Through this love relationship, we are a part of God. That means we are princes and princesses of God, the great king. Human beings don't have any

ideals that are not meant to be attained. All our ideals are to be attained through the process of restoration and through true love. We all desire to be unified individuals and to achieve a united family, a united clan, a united nation, and a united world. These are legitimate human desires. Of course, the standard of the fallen world is self-centeredness, but in the principled world of God, we were each supposed to attain these desires.

ELEVATE YOUR STANDARD OF CHARACTER

You are in the Unification Church not by accident but because of the foundation laid by me and by your ancestors. You are standing on the visible and invisible foundation of my work and my investment. You should appreciate this and live up to this standard. You need to elevate your character. Don't just follow me passively. Seek to understand my words and enhance your character.

The first formula in re-creation is the law of plus and minus. The small plus and small minus unite and search for a bigger plus and greater unity. When that greater unity is attained, they search for higher and higher levels until they reach God. This formula applies right here in the fallen world.

We pay the price to achieve this unity by traveling backwards, along the road of indemnity. In order for someone at the bottom of the hierarchy to rise, he has to serve as God and True Parents have served. He has to invest and forget, serve and forget, invest and serve. He has to go through a lot of persecution. It takes an awful lot of hard work to rise to a higher level. Be grateful to God for loving you to such an extent that He will lift you up. When God sees us being persecuted, how indignant and how angry He feels towards those who persecute His own sons and daughters!

According to this criterion, can any of you here say you deserve to go to heaven? Have any of you invested as much as God has for your younger and elder brothers and sisters? Surely you know that heaven is empty; but God didn't create it to be empty. God will fill up heaven with people such as I have described here.

INDEMNITY PROPELS RE-CREATION

The dispensation of salvation means restoration, and the dispensation of restoration means re-creation. Indemnity is necessary to propel the process of re-creation. Restoration needs indemnity. Satan took over the position of power and authority; he took the position of father, mother and elder son. You have to reverse the process and regain those positions.

The first thing you should remember in any circumstance is indemnity. We are elevated through indemnity. The original order of creation didn't last long; it was broken by the fall. Therefore, God had to start from the bottom and apply the law of indemnity.

Satan exercises all his might to make us serve him. You can refuse, claiming that you are from God. However, in order for God to lift you up, you must go through the indemnity course. If you protest against the way of indemnity and stage a revolt, you cannot be material for re-creation, and God cannot work



Father and Mother praying. Father then preached, "Your going through indemnity helps God re-create you and makes Satan separate from you."

with you. If you don't have the concept of Abel's position, you cannot return to your original destination.

Can you imagine how much persecution God has endured in silence? Millions of Christians are asking God to wipe out the evil in the world and let the good stand. They think God can do that. God will not do that; He abides by the law of creation. Why did God not intervene when Christians were thrown to the lions? Can you imagine how angry God was in that situation? Yet He did not interfere.

God encourages religious people to persevere through persecution. When we are being re-created, we should not revolt. The raw material that is willing to die is the raw material that God can re-shape and re-create. To say, "God, don't do that to me," is like seeking to save your life only to lose it in the end. To say, "Yes, God, shape me," is like being willing to lose your life. This is the law of indemnity.

INDEMNITY FREES US FROM SATAN

Why is indemnity necessary? Do you think Satan will separate himself from you when it is comfortable? No, he will hold on to you until he dies. Therefore, your going through indemnity helps God re-create you and makes Satan separate from you.

I belong to God; I must do as God does. When I was in prison, I would not complain, neither to Satan nor to God. I just did my best. I invested all I had to serve the inmates and to re-create them. Eventually Satan bowed down and said, "I have no more claim over you."

I have done this many times, starting from the individual level and proceeding to the family and clan levels and all the

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way to the spirit world and God. When did you make the foundation of eight levels of indemnity? Only I did it, and you are privileged to be a part of it.

Let us take a lesson from history. Moses went through a great deal of difficulties leading the Israelites. If the people who followed Moses had thought, "Moses is suffering so much; I should suffer even more," and without complaint had suffered and sacrificed with Moses, today the Israelite nation would be ruling the world.

When you are being persecuted, do not give in to Satan saying, "Okay, I won't do God's work any more. Stop persecuting me." If you are willing to endure even to death, Satan will release you and God will take you. That is where true love begins.

THE BEGINNING POINT OF TRUE LOVE

After we have gone through the threshold of persecution and are released from Satan, we can start exercising true love. True love means sacrificing for the sake of somebody other than ourselves. We should sacrifice for others and forget about it. We should invest our very lives for the sake of true love. Once we invest our lives and don't die, we should forget what we did and be ready to do even more. This is the point where true love begins. This is the crossroads where the second son becomes the elder son. Satan cannot be subjugated by force; he must surrender naturally and acknowledge us as his Abel.

If I confront my opponents squarely and oppose them, they cannot become material for re-creation. Therefore, I must stay silent. Silently I overcome. Step by step, I am getting closer and closer to God's throne, connecting with the highest-level plus. When we maintain this kind of attitude, the whole world can be restored. Therefore, we must continue the course of restoration.

BECOME MATERIAL FOR RE-CREATION

You need to clearly understand that restoration and re-creation can take place only through indemnity. Satan is testing you to see whether you are qualified material for re-creation. Satan will test you first. If you revolt against Satan because you don't want to suffer, he will tell God, "This person is not ready to become material for re-creation. Please put him in the furnace and try him again later."

Those who have gone through more than their share of indemnity become models in the course of restoration history. Job was persecuted and ridiculed, but he never uttered one word of complaint. Because of this, God was able to give him the greatest blessing.

If God did not have to follow this law of indemnity, He could have put Satan into the dungeons of hell and accomplished restoration overnight. Christ could come on the clouds, if indemnity were not necessary. However, indemnity is necessary, because restoration must go through the reverse path.

Look at the valuable spiritual tradition of America. Protestants who were being persecuted by the established churches fled to America, suffered, and lost their lives to set this tradition. The American forebears were proud not to be outdone by what they considered an evil and corrupt religion, the Catholic faith,

and they took great pride in being Protestants. America was successful based on that foundation, and God approved of it.

In restoration we always come to a crossroad where we must deny ourselves. Without denying ourselves we cannot go to God. If we do not go through this course while we are alive and with our physical body, we must continue in the spirit world, where it takes much, much more time and effort. The greatness of our sons and daughters will be determined by how faithfully they follow this formula. There is no way to go to heaven without following this principle.

I NEVER COMPLAIN

Every time God put me in prison, I was very indignant. However, I always took the right attitude and never uttered a word of complaint. I always persevered and planned ahead. Then God always gave me a bigger reward upon my release. When God asks Satan whether Rev. Moon wavered in prison, Satan has to answer, "No, he was strong all the way." "Then do you think he deserves something?" God persists. "Yes, yes indeed," Satan has to admit. Therefore, when God raises me up, Satan cannot say anything.

Only I have the authority to proclaim this message. No one can go to heaven unless he understands this principle. From this perspective, do you think more Americans or more Chinese will go to heaven? People from Third World countries threatened by starvation have more potential to go to heaven. Americans say, "Where is my heaven?" With such an arrogant attitude, they are going backward instead of forward.

To be saved means to be restored. Therefore, how can we be restored? Through indemnity. Only through indemnity can you reach a higher level. You have to go down in order to reach heaven. Do you understand? Those of you of the second generation have to follow your parents absolutely; this is your indemnity course.

GET MARRIED AND GO TO HOMETOWN

Until now, high-level religious people had to leave home and suffer in order to reach their goal. Now the Unification Church is teaching something different for the first time. I am telling you that you must get married in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Furthermore, instead of leaving home, you have to go back to your home and work there. This is opposite from the teachings of traditional religions. The earlier history is now completed, and we are beginning the first page of a new history. What greater idea can there be than to get married and go home?

I have instructed Rev. Kwak to have the religious leaders promote interfaith marriages. I want to share this blessing all around the world and not keep it just within the Unification Church. When this is finished, my role as the initiator of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace will have been accomplished. I know exactly what I am speaking about and doing. If I do not encourage these celibate priests and nuns to marry now, monasteries will become the arena of free sex. When Buddhist priests and nuns get married to Catholic priests and nuns, both religions will come alive. A lot of Catholic priests are

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getting married in secret anyway, because the time has come and their minds are moving in that direction. The tide is changing. When the tide comes in, you have to move or you will drown. I know how to change and when to change.

In America, people have been denying their family members, denying their own father and mother, and living alone. If Americans can accept the precious relationship with their father and mother and appreciate the value of the family, America will go to heaven overnight. America is in a time of transition. People who have been accustomed to denying everything need to meet the Messiah and then find their bride or bridegroom. Then they can go to heaven.

TURN COMPLETELY AROUND

If you turn around one hundred eighty degrees from where you are heading, you will be going in the right direction. Blessed couples should have gone through this path before they got blessed. Those who are already blessed have to go through it retroactively.

If the husband's mind and body are constantly in battle and the wife's mind and body are constantly in battle, they can never become a unified minus in relation to the big plus. While I am still alive here on earth, you have to create this unity. If you don't do it, there is no second chance in the spirit world. Forget about your concepts and take a zero position in relation to me.

Many of you have been blessed for more than ten years. How does your attitude compare with this formula? How often have you taken the zero position in relationship to me? Maybe you tried to do so as an individual, but how have you succeeded as a family? As a tribal messiah, you must assume the perfect plus position and teach all the other families in your tribe. Upon the base of family messiahship, you can stand as a tribal messiah. If you really practice tribal messiahship, America can go to heaven.

I OPENED ALL DOORS

I went through all eight steps of restoration, from the individual level to the cosmic level and God. Everybody opposed me on the individual level, but at later levels they began giving in. God's realm has expanded, and many walls have been knocked down.

After the confrontation between communism and democracy is over, the whole area becomes God's domain, and God can live anywhere we live. This is the Completed Testament era, not the New Testament era. There is only one vertical center, and all eyes are watching Reverend Moon's comings and goings. Everybody can be restored quickly, on an equal basis, and *en masse*. I knocked down wall after wall on all eight levels. In the past, God could not travel freely because no road was constructed. Now God follows me wherever I go. God can travel freely back and forth in this realm.

I wanted to open wide the door and give everybody the opportunity to stand on an equal level with me. Through the Women's Federation for World Peace, each family has this opportunity. Centering on the mother, once they meet the groom, the whole family can stand as my family, and God can live

there as well.

It took thousands of years of providential foundations, as well as my own forty years of fierce struggle, to reach this point. However, not everybody has to go this way. I am going to deploy horizontally this vertical foundation, so all five billion people on the earth can be instantly restored. Then heaven on earth can be quickly formed on the national level and worldwide level. When the sons and daughters come together centering on the mother, they can meet the bridegroom and follow him. Then God can live in their family just as He lives in my family.

THE DIFFICULTIES JESUS FACED

At the time of Jesus, Judaism and the Israelite nation were prepared to meet the Messiah. They heard rumors about Jesus and checked everything out. Jesus was an illegitimate child; under the law at that time, Mary could have been stoned for having a child outside of marriage. Rumors spread all over the country. No matter how famous Jesus became, how could he be the Messiah? No women would want to marry him.

Two thousand years after Jesus, Judaism calls Jesus a heretic. Neither political leaders nor religious leaders could accept him. The Old Testament said that before the Messiah appears Elijah must come down to earth, and people looked up to heaven for Elijah. Elijah didn't appear from heaven and people couldn't believe Jesus was the Messiah. They spit him out as a swindler.

Christians believe that Jesus will descend to earth upon the clouds. They think Jesus will come with earthly power as a king. They think Satan will be unable to stand in front of that kind of Messiah. However, Jesus returns in the same way that Elijah returned in the form of John the Baptist.

MY WORLDWIDE MISSION

Now former Soviet leaders are receiving four-day training sessions and changing direction one hundred eighty degrees. They had previously denied God, and now they completely receive God and are following me. America, which had been centered on God, opposed me, while the side that opposed God is welcoming me.

I am like a shepherd with three groups of sheep: those on the left, those on the right and those in the middle. One is the communist world; one, the free world; and one, the Muslim world. Jesus wasn't able to complete the worldwide base. Now we have to complete Jesus' worldwide mission.

To continue Jesus' mission and become the Lord of the Second Advent, I had to unite the free world and the communist world. I have to unite North and South Korea. I have to unite Israelis and Arabs. There is no one in the world who can unite these two except me. I told President Bush we need a model nation to show how a unified nation can develop. He didn't listen to me; as a result, he is no longer in power. My whole work can be called a unifying work: I must unify everything, inside and outside.

Where is this world going? What is the solution to today's problems? The family. When the family lives according to this

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model, we don't have to do anything else. The ultimate solution to the world's problems rests on the solution to the family's problems. I have already given a very simple way to achieve this. There were many chances to achieve this on a national level, but they failed. Now we are doing it through blessed couples.

MANY LEVELS OF UNITY

The formula to connect with the different levels of the clan, nation, world, and cosmos is based on tribal messiahship, which automatically indemnifies the Old Testament era and the New Testament era, and the failures of each. Now we are at the first stage of the Completed Testament era. Its essence is family and tribal messiahship. I toiled so much to achieve tribal messiahship, enabling you to partake of it in an easy way. Any family that can come in and unite with me, centering on their mother, will achieve instant unity and instant Kingdom of Heaven. This is the formula that works.

Check whether your mind and body are united according to this re-creation formula. If you don't find the Messiah, you

cannot complete your purpose of creation. Therefore, you absolutely need the Messiah, the True Parents. Divine Principle guides you how to control your body with your mind, for without that control, you cannot stand in front of God.

How to unify yourself is your biggest problem. Your enemy is your body. The enemy kingdom is encamped in your body. Satan's attitude dominates in the body. Free sex is Satan's idea for breaking the power of God's foundation.

The absolute God needs one thing, and that is true love. Which is stronger, God or true love? God obeys true love. Without the partnership of true love, we are lonely. Mother appeared as my partner. Hand in hand, we go up and down, like children on a roller coaster. The partnership of true love creates the most exciting, enjoyable movement. Even God absolutely needs true love.

SATAN GUARDS THE GATE OF HEAVEN

Satan's control is everywhere: on the family level, tribal level, national level, and world level. You have to overcome him in order to enter heaven. At the last terminal, Satan will confront



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Twenty years ago, I came to this country. If you had understood my message and then carried it out, America would not have become what it is today. But America did not listen. America did not understand.

you: "If you want to go to heaven, you have to get my permission." The criterion for gaining Satan's permission to enter heaven is the indemnity-course formula. With this teaching, you now know more than Satan. Think how clever Satan is. He was able to stop the advancement of God's providence for thousands of years.

You need to raise your children to follow this formula. I have taught you the most important thing. I haven't kept this knowledge to myself.

Restoration history is the reversal course, the indemnity course. Is the way of indemnity easy? If you don't act like True Parents, you cannot become true parents yourselves. I don't like indemnity, either. However, if you don't understand and don't accept this life of indemnity, you will flunk the whole course. You don't even get a grade of F; your grade will be zero.

THE CYCLES OF NATURE

The whole world consists of subject and object relationships, plus and minus. The smaller being sacrifices itself for the sake of the larger. Look at the food chain: small fish are eaten by larger fish; the eagle eats the fish; the fox eats the eagle; and the tiger may eat the fox. The higher one progresses, the closer one comes to God. However, everything balances out, because small fish such as sardines lay millions of eggs, which are mostly eaten by larger fish, whereas tigers and lions give birth to only one cub every two or three years. Furthermore, the tiger feeds only at

night and has to run miles to catch its prey; if it hunted in the daytime it would eat more than necessary. In the morning, the deer can wake up and feed in peace, knowing they won't meet the tiger.

A rabbit may protest to God, "God, why did you make me so vulnerable? I am preyed upon by almost everybody. The tiger is after me, the fox is after me, and even the raccoon is after me." God will answer right back to the rabbit, "I gave you big ears, didn't I? Your ears are big enough so that when the enemy approaches, you can have enough warning time to escape." All creatures are like that.

There must be a reason why certain groups of people tend to have long legs. They must have done something wrong whereupon they needed longer legs to flee. The ancestors of white people must have done something wrong and then fled toward the North Pole, where they became white. White people love blood; they use weapons to kill animals and people, so they have to flee all the time. Christianity actually prospered on this base of plundering and pirating.

The Japanese walk like this [Father demonstrates]. Don't laugh at that, because they are proud and honest people. America, France, and England have little to be proud of. Much of what they have they took from somebody else. Everything displayed in their museums is plundered. Is America the white people's country or the Oriental people's country? The natives of this very country where we are living are Orientals.

Things in the natural world go in cycles. Things rise and fall. The Orientals are not always low. The small Japanese people now monopolize the world's economic power. Who gave them this power? God did. White people don't like to hear that. Wake up, white people! Look toward God—otherwise there is no hope. Darkness is increasing more and more. Day after day and year after year, your country is becoming the dungeon of hell, and you will not be able to escape.

Twenty years ago, I came to this country. If you had understood my message and then carried it out, America would not have become what it is today. But America did not listen. America did not understand.

THE WONDERS OF HEAVEN

God is the absolute, eternal being, but He cannot exist alone. God is the plus center of true love; humankind is the minus center of true love. The unity of God and humankind is like the inseparable unity of mind and body. When your senses are awakened to true love, you can perceive the ideal environment

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of heaven.

How wonderful heaven is! It's more wonderful than you can imagine. The biggest words cannot encompass it. No matter how far away someone is, you can call him and he will appear in an instant. That is how fast the spirit of love moves. The fastest speed in the universe is the speed of true love. Time and space are no barriers. When you speak, reality appears. You can create a dinner party for a thousand people—no problem. Your imagination can have free play.

In heaven, eating is no problem, clothes are no problem, transportation is no problem. You can cross a thousand miles in one moment. It's like experiencing Star Wars. You can control all the universe in your sphere of action. The limitations of the body are removed. You won't get involved in any traffic jams or accidents, because you are free to move anywhere. Here you have to pray a long time in order to meet God; there you can meet God instantly.

Do you want to go to that kind of place? Absolutely? Then you have to be absolutely unified. To connect your body with this high level of mind and this power of love, you have to pray, pray, pray. Not play. Pray to God to give you help. Pray tearful prayers.

ARE YOU GOING DOWN OR UP?

In Satan's world, the gates to the dungeons of hell open automatically before you, and crowds of people are going in that direction. However, if you achieve the victory of love, the way to heaven will open before you. Do you want to follow me there? To do so, you have to go the way of persecution.

While you are in this world, you have to train well. One time I said to God, "You have to teach me everything." You should say the same thing to me. Think of Jacob wrestling with the angel. You have to determine to overcome any difficulty. This is a time for repentance.

When you first joined the Unification Church, you were inspired; you forgot everything else in order to follow this way. Now, after your association with me, are you going down or up? How does your present level of inspiration compare with your level of inspiration ten years ago? Are you going up or down?

I keep going up. I always cross over every mountain peak. You must follow the same course. Your peaks are not as high as mine, but you need to face them. The hill of indemnity is waiting for you. Every morning and every evening, sit on the floor Oriental-fashion and bow and pray, "God and True Parents, please help me go over that hill." There is only one restoration course.

God sent the Messiah to be the teacher for humankind.

DEVELOP CLOSE BONDS WITH EACH OTHER

A truly loving husband will cherish a strand of his wife's hair. God feels the same way toward us. One day I gave an early blessed couple a handkerchief, and the blessed wife kept it in her bosom for thirty years. Now it is almost falling apart. I was deeply impressed by her dedication and love.

Wherever I go, I want to become friends with the members. God is the same. God needs friends, too. Because of that, I want to make myself available as a friend among the members.

You, too, should become friends with everybody, and you should work hard to become friends with God. If a father talks in a low, intense voice to his son or daughter, the mother would not be jealous, although she would be curious to know what is so important to them. It is good when parents become so close to their sons and daughters that they become like friends.

Why does time move so fast? Why doesn't time hold still? If this is the last chance for you to absorb precious knowledge, wouldn't you think of each passing minute as precious?



Until now, people thought they gained a degree for themselves, but that is Satan's viewpoint. By the time students finish a Ph.D. program, they understand that it is for their parents, their spouse, and their children-to-be.

If you take love away from a man and a woman, there is nothing that can make them unite, because they are so different. The precious organs are the one means through which husband and wife can achieve perfect unity.

THE FOUR LEVELS OF LOVE

We start with God and go back to God. Can you separate parents and children? You cannot separate a couple which is united by true love. You cannot separate brothers and sisters united by true love.

Centering on God, the first love is as son and daughter, the second love is as brother and sister, the third love is as husband and wife, and the fourth love is as father and mother. These are God's attributes. They did not spring from within us. The *Divine Principle* book discusses children's love, couple's love and parents' love, but brotherly and sisterly love should be added there.

The question is whether to treat these four different categories of love in four different ways or in one way. If they are to be treated separately, what would connect them? The invisible parent and the four-position foundation. As we grow from infancy through childhood, going to elementary school, middle school, high school and college, the center of our life is our parents.

In the beginning, with Adam's family, there were only two people in the whole universe, Adam and Eve. There was only one pair of children, one brother and sister, one husband and wife, one father and mother. Adam should have perfected himself as a son, brother, husband, and father. Likewise, Eve should have perfected herself as a daughter, sister, wife, and mother. What is the level of perfection in true love? It is the intersection of the vertical love of parents and the horizontal love of children.

CONJUGAL COMMITMENT

Adam and Eve each had their course of growth. Woman was born for the sake of man, and man for the sake of woman. In hundreds and millions of years, nobody can alter this truth. What is most important for man? Himself? Another man? Or a woman? And woman was born for man. The deepest place connects with the highest place. A man can completely occupy a woman. You blessed couples understand that. When both sides connect, it doesn't feel painful. You can make zig-zag movements, circular movements, vertical movements, rolling movements. You have no complaints about that kind of love action!

At that time your five physical senses and your five spiritual sense are open. You breathe in and out, and your spirit body and your physical body connect centered on true love in such an enjoyable way.

Marriage means a lifetime commitment of the woman's special part and the man's special part. When the grandparents have this kind of attitude, the next generation inherits their standard. Your organ is not yours; it belongs to your spouse. The woman should always analyze the connection between herself and her husband and immediately correct any area which is lacking. When that attitude breaks down, the home situation declines.

CHILDREN GROW IN LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING

Male and female grow in a separate course. The parents

love their daughter. On top of this parental love, God adds His love, and the brother adds his love. This combined love is greater than the parental love. Even though God and parents love the girl the best, the brother will add on his brotherly love towards her.

As children grow through middle school, high school, and college, they eventually realize that their goal is to meet their spouse. They learn that the purpose of their world is to seek their complement. A student working on a Ph.D. does so for the sake of the parents and the spouse. Until now, people thought they gained a degree for themselves, but that is Satan's viewpoint. By the time students finish a Ph.D. program, they understand that it is for their parents, their spouse, and their children-to-be.

As Adam grew, surrounded by nature, he watched the deer and the horses romping around. He saw all the large and small animals making love and realized that he definitely needed somebody. Then he began to notice Eve.

Women have a periodic cycle, which begins when they are as young as twelve or thirteen. They gain in weight, their bosom and hips expand, and color is added to their body. The color of menstruation is blood red, and the cheeks become peach color. Eve was the first to notice the change, and she felt that Adam was stupid because he didn't notice so much. The archangel took notice before Adam did.

Girls pay attention to their appearance earlier than boys do. They stand in front of the mirror and arrange their hair. Which



True Family enjoys Shin Yul Nim's one hundred day celebration.

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*It is the true love palace, the true life palace,
and the true lineage palace.*

is the problem, the flower or the butterflies? The flowers bloom in a multitude of different colors in order to attract the bees and butterflies to come down and multiply life. The tendency of girls to focus on their appearance has the same meaning.

Adam and Eve played together, but Adam played rough. He wanted to go to the lion's den and get on top of it; he wanted to ride on the horse. Eve was shocked. She didn't feel comfortable because she was afraid Adam might get hurt. She stayed behind and, by conversing with the archangel, ended up falling. The point here is that the woman always has that potential.

In nature, some species of animals stay with one mate throughout their lifetime. Should human beings be lower than the animals? When you see a man and woman walking down the street hand in hand, you should applaud such an ideal couple. In contrast, an ordinary man passing by would think, "Oh, she is a beautiful woman; I must get her." If the man is handsome, an ordinary woman would think, "How can I entice him?" Don't even think like that. Women should not behave like a fox waiting to trap something. Who sells their body on the street, a man or a woman? Of course, the man who patronizes her is just as bad, but the woman is the initiator.

HEAVENLY LOVE-MAKING

God made everything to harmonize and balance. Man is tall and woman is short. Man's voice is deep, while woman's voice is high. Everything in nature balances and moves through

cycles. There are high mountains and flat fields, rising and falling tides, complementary currents and winds. All the circling action of the universe has the same meaning.

Man represents God, because he has the seed of a child. At the time of marriage, the man occupies the woman's world, and the woman occupies the man's world. This is the power of true love. The five physical senses and the five spiritual senses combine centered on the one key sense, true love. Marriage is to bring together what had been separated. In marriage, upper and lower unite, left and right unite, front and back unite. When both husband and wife take their whole life into perspective, they conclude that it was their destiny to meet each other.

If you take love away from a man and a woman, there is nothing that can make them unite, because they are so different. The precious organs are the one means through which husband and wife can achieve perfect unity. It is the true love palace, the true life palace, and the true lineage palace.

Where do man and woman unite? By kissing? Where do they ultimately join? This is not just a laughing matter. There are three stages. Kissing is the first stage. When the lips are stimulated, the bosom is stimulated. Since man doesn't have breasts, he goes right down, skipping a step, and immediately begins preparation.

Who must control love? It is man. Who is slower in responding? Of course, the woman is slower in responding than the man, right? I don't know your couple's experience, but the woman is generally slower in responding. In cooking rice, you have to heat the pan first before the rice starts boiling, not the other way around. The woman is like the pan: she has to heat up. I am teaching the men: when you start kissing you are already excited and want to go ahead right away. Don't do that. Take time and prepare all around the body before you proceed. Make the lips get red in color. Make the ears red in color. Why are you laughing? I am teaching the way of original, true love. Then the woman relaxes all her body. Occupy everything and wait for your wife to relax and be ready to receive everything. Then she can act as a receptacle. When she is ready to receive, everything looks rosy. Even if you close your eyes, everything has a dreamy color, and nothing else matters. This is the way you should engage in love. All of you women want to have that kind of husband, don't you?

Where do God and man meet? Right here at the seat of marriage, at the seat of love. Through the sexual organs is where the real joining takes place. But people are embarrassed to talk about that, certainly in public, because this was the real root of the fall, the root of corruption. When man and woman meet in true love, they should immediately think about God. They should look down at the lower parts that connect in love and welcome and dedicate the time of sexual intercourse as a time of true love. Every time I think about achieving true love sexually, my organ lifts up, flying to heaven. Think about how to welcome God and how to connect with God in the deepest place. Then you can enjoy that kind of stimulating, electrifying touch as you welcome God to your family center. Up and down, right and left, front and rear all are meant to connect and reach completion during the first sexual intercourse of a married couple.

Through my teaching, both husband and wife have their



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personal dignity, as well as their dignity as a couple. On this basis, God can stand with you forever. This is the first time such ideal people have been able to appear on earth.

THE CULMINATION OF THE FIRST THREE STAGES

After perfecting everything as son and daughter, brother and sister, and husband and wife, a couple is ready to give birth to offspring which perfectly resemble God. A pure couple wants to bear a pure child, like Adam and Eve whom God created in the garden. When God completed the creation He was happy and contented. Likewise, when a couple gives birth to a new child, they should feel happiness and contentment like God. God has given us all His attributes so we can create our own offspring in the image of God. The birth of a child is a second creation, a re-creation.

Parents are always the pattern, the model. When the parents have perfected themselves as son and daughter, brother and sister, and husband and wife, their children will follow the parents' pattern.

An orphan is sad because he has nothing to inherit from his

parents. People admire a billionaire, a great scholar, or the president of a nation, but if he doesn't have a wife they pity him. In the American family system, people become independent and isolated and think they don't need their parents. In truth, parents provide the vertical, stabilizing dimension.

As God watches His pure children grow, He experiences the feelings of a child's position, the feelings of the brother/sister position, the feelings of husband and wife, and finally the feelings of a parent. God experiences growth through Adam and Eve. The line of growth is double, because it has both spiritual and physical aspects.

Through these bonds of true love, God can exclaim, "Now that my children are perfected, my creation is perfected." When such a man and woman are born, grow, and marry according to this ideal, they create the eternal settling place, and God will come down and live with them.

THE EXPANSION OF TRUE LOVE

Anyone can enter into such a home and feel fulfilled. Would any member of such a family be jealous of another? If your child or grandchild took some treasure of yours without permission, would you be angry? No, because everything belongs to the whole, not to an individual.

Furthermore, all strangers are basically brothers and sisters. You can reduce every relationship to elements of a brother/sister relationship, husband/wife relationship, or parent/child relationship. Therefore, you can use such experiences to refine yourself and become more

God-like. Please remember that you must go through all these steps here on earth, before going to the spirit world.

As a result of the fall, we lost elder sonship, parenthood, and royal kingship. We must qualify ourselves in each of these positions in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. When God assembles all brothers and sisters, those who have qualified themselves on each of these four stages will be eligible to attend that meeting.

Adam and Eve should have been perfected when they became a couple. Think how precious, how necessary, and how valuable marriage is! To bless a couple means to bestow this kind of value on them. Blessed couples have an obligation to perfect themselves and be examples of brother/sister relationships, husband/wife relationships, and parent/child relationships to all the people of the world. That is your mission as a blessed couple.

Should each couple have only one child? We have bodies with which to reproduce as many offspring as possible to fill the Kingdom of Heaven. In spirit world there is no reproduction. How can we fill up the huge space of heaven? You have to bear many children.

Look upon your children and love them from God's position. When American families adopt this tradition, the country will automatically prosper.

Wouldn't God want to be a grandfather, too? God never experienced the grandparent's position, because the original [unfallen] Adam and Eve did not have children. The ideal family should contain grandparents, parents, and children. No matter how many generations are multiplied, God still occupies the same, original parental position. Therefore, we call God our Father. The grandfather represents the king of the spirit world; he is like an ambassador plenipotentiary, an emissary with special privileges.

In the ideal family, children should serve their parents as if they were greater than an earthly king, and the grandparents because they represent the king of the spirit world. In the whole world, the Korean family system most closely resembles this ideal. The root is different, but everything else is the same. A large Korean family includes people of all age groups, but the core of the family is very clear, centered on the main line of offspring, which is the eldest son of the eldest son of the eldest son.

Your family dwells in a royal palace, not symbolically but realistically. The parents represent the kingship of the earth and the grandparents the kingship of the spiritual world. You have to connect your children to these two lines. Look upon your children and love them from God's position. When American families adopt this tradition, the country will automatically prosper.

If you don't have grandparents to share your home, you can go to a senior citizens' home. A white couple could invite a black grandfather and grandmother from a senior citizens' home and serve them like God. Would such a family perish or prosper? Would people accuse or praise them?

THE THIRTY-THIRD PARENTS' DAY

All the world has opposed me and hit me, but I have been patiently receiving this opposition and am inheriting everything from them. The Soviet Union hit me, America hit me, established churches hit me, the religious world hit me. In essence, every family and every individual of the world has opposed me. That means I can inherit the whole universe and cosmos. The Bible says that those who persevere until the end will be saved.



Every time I think about achieving true love sexually, my organ lifts up, flying to heaven. Think about how to welcome God and how to connect with God in the deepest place. Then you can enjoy that kind of stimulating, electrifying touch as you welcome God to your family center.

Today is the thirty-third Parents' Day. Jesus died at the age of thirty-three without establishing the family system, and the chosen nation was lost. God still has no country. America isn't God's country. Korea isn't God's country. From now on, we have to rebuild the true family system, starting from the family level and moving to the tribal, national, and worldwide levels. I have made the highway. You have to make the car, get a driver's license, supply the gas, and run the car.

America already has the blessing. The only thing you should do is not let it go. The way to keep the blessing is to do what I have told you today.

Six hours is a long time for you to sit here. I am always yelling at you, chastising you. Your body hurts, but still it's fun, isn't it? However, I often spend seventeen hours kneeling down and praying for all of you and all mankind. For ten years I have been doing that, shedding tears and sweat, crying, acting to guard life's valuable things. For you to listen seven hours will be no problem. True Parents cannot sleep or eat, teaching you day and night. This has been my lifelong mission. If you want to follow me and unite with me, you have to inherit my purpose and follow my actions. ■■■

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THERE IS ONE AREA I have not yet attended to. There are sections of the world where millions of people are starving. Who is going to take responsibility for that? Will America do it? America says no. What about other advanced nations? The basic concept is that we should treat people as brothers and sisters, because that is what God expects us to do.

To be called True Parents is fearful, because I have to extend my hands to the starving people. The reason I have been developing the fishing enterprises is not to make money, but to be able to offer assistance to those who are starving.

Texas is flat land. There is no master of the land. People come, get tired, pack up, and leave. People came with the intention of striking it rich and becoming millionaires, yet they leave. I told myself, "I will become the master here, and all the Unification Church members will attend to it." All we need is land and water, and we can produce food. We can even develop a fish farm.

Europeans didn't teach Africans how to farm. They just sold them farm products. We have to indemnify that failure.

Let's say that we eat two meals a day instead of three. How does that sound? *[Father spoke for a long time in Korean without translation and then asked how many members understood what he was saying. He talked in English about the need for members to speak the mother tongue. He said that True Parents are teaching heavenly secrets, revealing hidden truth. He referred again to the four realms of heart and the heavenly kingships, which were some of the topics of his main Parents' Day sermon.]*

I am thinking about how to educate five hundred people from each of one hundred sixty nations. I want to train people so their nations can be self-sufficient in food.

Potatoes grow to a great size. One day I tried to eat a potato for lunch, but it was so big I couldn't finish it. In addition to potatoes, corn, wheat and many vegetables grow there. We can build prefabricated houses and expand down into Mexico or even into South America. If water is a problem, we can use bulldozers to create canals. These bulldozers can be made in the machine factory in Korea.

How about each blessed couple coming to Texas and dedicating forty days a year to this project? You will bring your own food and serve for forty days. You have to think about how to save the twenty million people dying of starvation around the world. There are more than four billion people in the world. If two hundred people took responsibility for each starving person, there would be no more hunger.

What is America doing? What are Japan and Germany doing? They are so blessed with material wealth. What are they going to use it for?

If we take responsibility for world hunger, we will suffer so much. It might mean pushing ourselves to the edge of existence, to the point of death. Yet, we must not die, or we would lose everything.

Are you going to do it? Will American people do it? I don't believe so. How many times they have denied me! That is the kind of people we have in America. Sorry, I'm telling about reality, not concept. Those gathered here, you are not like that.

You are different from other Americans. You are colored Americans, "Moonie-color"!

How much money can each family raise to support this project? Can you donate a hundred dollars a year? Five hundred dollars a year? One thousand dollars a year? Ten thousand dollars a year? One hundred thousand dollars a year? No limit.

The world situation is serious. Who can take responsibility to solve it? We need to liberate the world. By liberating the world,

we liberate God. The same formula of liberation applies.

Will all of you pledge, "Yes, Father, I am willing to serve forty days a year for the cause"? You are very indebted to your parents. This is a way of paying back a token of your debt to True Parents, in whatever small amount you are able to pay.

Wherever there is good soil and water, no one will go hungry. I made a twenty-year plan for the fishing enterprises, and this is now the twentieth year. Centering on Kodiak, we have greatly expanded our fishing enterprises. Even though we have experienced economic hardships, and rumors are floating around, I held on, and we have made it over the hill.

Father Takes On

People thought I was bragging when I said our factory in Korea would make key parts for Mercedes Benz and BMW cars. Without our factory, these high-level cars cannot be made. Upon the foundation of our technology, we can make anything.

[Father talked about the current dispute over North Korea's use of nuclear energy and ways to mobilize the world community to control nuclear power. He referred to former President Bush's refusal to listen to his advice and talked about the future role of the Washington Times.]

Since I am a religious man, I can speak my mind. We can say anything from the pulpit. This is the constitutional right of religious people. Unificationists have to be brave in proclaiming our faith. Are you going to take care of the twenty million starving people or not?

In time, the mobile homes I bought twenty years ago will have a price tag of a hundred thousand dollars apiece, and people still won't be able to buy them. The same will happen with the two hundred trucks I bought. You should never let those mobile homes and trucks rust; you should put them to work.

Until I was thirty, there was never a day in my life when I was not hungry. If your stomach is full, you cannot lead a religious life. To be hungry is one of the most unbearable experiences; yet we challenge it, saying, "I will love God more than I care about my own hunger." The three greatest challenges for an individual to overcome are hunger, sleep, and sexual temptations. These are Satan's three greatest weapons.

I always ate only two meals a day during my school years. It would be a holy undertaking if all Unification Church members fasted one meal a day in order to save the twenty million starving people.

I never use a large towel to dry my face or even my body off after a bath. I always bicker with Mother about the use of towels. I want to use each towel for two days, but Mother wants to have it laundered every day. Also, I don't flush the toilet until I use it three times. If everyone did this, with the money we would save we could help the twenty million starving people. I have been living like this not just for a few days, but for decades.

Sometimes I stop at McDonald's. When the limousine pulls up, people speculate that there must be some big politician in it, and they expect some big-shot white person to step out. They wait patiently to see who will appear, and they are really surprised to see an Oriental person come out! I don't feel comfortable riding in such cars, since I am always thinking first about the twenty million starving people in the world.

Even if you have to fast in order to send money to this project, you must support it. I am not begging you, but I don't mind begging in order to help these people.

When we moved from the old house at East Garden into the larger house which was built to accommodate our expanding family, I received lots of presents. I gave it all away to other people. That is how a religious person should be.

My conscience does not bother me in money matters. I treat millionaires and penniless people in the same manner. When I announced a certain project in Washington, D.C., various billionaire and millionaire companies wanted to join in partnership

dollars to this cause, you should do it. This will be the foundation for your children's training; later they can go to Africa and will be treated as great leaders there. One thousand dollars is too little. It should be at least five thousand dollars a year. Ten thousand may be too much, but you should be able to raise five thousand dollars a year.

This is a holy undertaking. If you do this, God will return your investment ten or a hundred times. If all the children of True Parents cannot save twenty million people from starvation, we should commit *hara-kiri*.

We can build an enormous deer ranch. There are elk and red deer herds living in the extreme northern climates, but the red deer can live even in hot climates. I feel that God provided this land for us, because of its unique geography. The Rocky Mountains protect it from the arctic wind. During the daytime it's hot, but at night it's surprisingly cool. For less than a hundred dollars a head, I can buy five thousand deer if I want to. There are also foxes and partridges. I released about four hundred partridges on the land. It's an incredible, fertile land.

All Unification Church brothers must go down there three times a year. Bring your own food and raise your own funds to go down and serve there. I will teach you hunting, fishing, and agriculture and make you very versatile persons.

When you begin that, you will receive great grace and prosperity. It's a good place. Our residence looks like a French palace. There is a settlement waiting for Unificationist members to visit. The place is open. Do you want to be there? If you want that kind of life, raise your hands, please. You need to bring money for weekly rent.

You can see vast sunrises and sunsets on the horizons. The sunsets last a long time. It is an amazing place. Every day is beautiful there. I didn't know there was such a beautiful world.

Work hard to chase out all the poverty and starvation in the world. When you are full of hope and ideals and work hard, God's blessing upon you will continue eternally. The Unification Church blessed couples will prosper and prosper.

There are a lot of rattlesnakes; so, the men must bring tall boots to protect their feet. Also, the scorpions are dangerous; once you are bitten, you have to get an antidote right away, or you will die.

On this memorable thirty-fourth Parents' Day and the thirty-third anniversary of Parents' Day, the children should determine to take over some of the parents' burdens, which they have been bearing single-handedly for over thirty years. I have been working so much, and now you should take up my work. ■■■

Editor's Note: The first Parents' Day is the day it was established. One year later, it is the second Parents' Day and the first anniversary of Parents' Day. Therefore, March 23, 1993, is the thirty-fourth Parents' Day and thirty-third anniversary of Parents' Day.

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with me. However, I don't want to play rich people's games. First, they have to respect my ideas. Unless they do that, I don't want their money. When people who denied me yesterday welcome me today, I don't go for it.

Do you want to invest in this project? If you do, people may erect a statue to you in their village. I won't spend a penny of your money against your desires.

In one day you can raise a hundred dollars. Do you want to donate a thousand dollars a year, or ten thousand dollars? Even if you have to borrow money in order to donate ten thousand



Before going fishing, Father gives lollipops to granddaughter Shin Ok Nim as grandson Shin Goon Nim watches.

First Anniversary of WFWP and Previously Married Couples' Blessing

by Betsy Jones

LEADERS FROM AROUND NEW YORK gathered to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace at East Garden on April 10, 1993.

At the beginning, Peter Kim asked if an explanation could be given about Nora Spurgin's [WFWP of America's president] accident. Father had heard that Nora had had an accident, and he was very concerned. I explained that she had suffered a burn on her leg but was recovering and would soon be back. In her place, I presented a card that contained a message and a donation from all the members of

We presented a plaque on behalf of the Women's Federation members in America with over forty names of individuals, families, and businesses that have pledged one thousand dollar charter memberships for the Women's Federation in America. This money will be set aside to create a parenting education presentation similar to the Free Teens program, which members of the Women's Federation can take to schools and the community. We also gave True Parents a roster containing the names of over eleven hundred members who have joined WFWP in America to date. True Parents received

on a special fundraising project, so she presented cards on behalf of this project. Father and Mother asked how many present had been in Korea last April for the wedding in which representatives of the Muslim world participated. Taj Hamad presented a beautiful mother-of-pearl plaque to True Parents commemorating this event and a card on which was written, "We are honored to be personally blessed by You. Through this Blessing You have changed our love, life, lineage and fulfilled the religion of Islam" and a quote, "If you count God's blessing, you can never number it; surely God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate." (Quran 16.10-18) Father then spoke to us. The following account of Father's message is based on notes taken by Marie Ang and myself.

Connected to Mother

Because of the fall, women must take responsibility. Women should be paying indemnity in the field of heart. Originally, Eve was supposed to control the family environment and take care of her husband. Instead of doing that, fallen women have been going through the opposite course, and children rebel against their mothers. This is the course of indemnity.

We learn from history that when a country is captured, the women and children were generally not killed but were used as slaves, because they had already paid indemnity. As a result of the fall, women and children belong to the satanic world, but at the end of the world, God takes them back.

God's side and Satan's side have been struggling against each other. Women have been the victims in the indemnity course. Both God and Satan wanted women.

For seventy years since World War I, God has been preparing for the liberation of women (1918-1988). Because of this, women and innocent children have had to go through a difficult course. Many times oppressed women are mediumistic.

Some of the members of WFWP of America pose with Mrs. Mal Sook Lee (center) at East Garden after the talk. "True Parents have instructed us to unite our families," Betsy (second from the right) reports, "and earn money so our husbands can go out and do tribal messiahship."

the Women's Federation in America:

"We send our love and congratulations to you, Mother, on this first anniversary of Women's Federation for World Peace. You are a model for us and for all the women of the world in establishing ideal families, nation and world."

these from myself and Lynn Mathers, representing all the national officers, which include Nora Spurgin, Mija Han Baughman, Yoko Kobayashi, Josette Shiner, Onni Durst, Lynn Mathers, and myself.

Father had asked Mrs. Kobayashi to work with Japanese members in America

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Father and Mother receive a plaque (l.) with the names of charter members of WFWP of America from Mrs. Betsy Jones representing Mrs. Nora Spurgin; and (r.) hold a "The Ninety-nine Names of God" plaque, a gift from the previously married blessing group in which representatives of the Muslim world participated last April 10. Traditionally, Muslims believe that ninety-nine names of God are known.

After World War II, America was in the position of the bride, or queen, prepared to receive the Messiah. Because of that, American women have been exercising their rights and acting like queens in their homes. If America had accepted the Messiah after World War II, women would have led the way in building the ideal family and ideal world. Instead, however, they exercised their freedom, became street women, and turned to lesbianism. The Messiah had to spend forty years cleaning up this situation and establishing a foundation for women to stand upon again. If Father had not done the preparation to receive the Messiah, American women would have been in the worst situation in the world. However, because of God's grace, Father walked the forty-year indemnity course and brought Mother to the point where she could be the True Mother of humankind.

John the Baptist was supposed to work with Mary to find a bride for Jesus. During his forty-year course Father had to prepare the foundation for Mother to stand upon, centering on Korea and America. This foundation included the Holy Wedding in 1960 and Father's coming to America, a Christian nation representing the New Testament Age. He had to make this foundation before he could put Mother in front.

At the completion of this course, Father introduced Mother to the world on April 10, 1992. The Christian culture is

connected to Mother. Now every human being has the opportunity to be connected to Mother and be engrafted into True Parents. That is the significance of establishing the Women's Federation for World Peace last year in Seoul.

The true subject of all womankind is Father. In order to save the women of the world, Father declared tribal messiahship. The Messiah and women must be united. With her husband, the wife must be restored back to God. Adam's root was lost at the fall. The root is the ideal husband. With the Second Advent, Adam's root and Jesus' position can be restored through tribal messiahship.

[Father spoke for a while in English about the bride's position, re-creation, the course of the second Adam, true queenship, and preparation for the bridegroom.]

Voluntary surrender

Because of the fall, Adam lost control of Eve. Father had to walk the indemnity course. Now Mother comes as the child of God, the sister of God's children, the wife and mother of God's children. Father restored the four realms of heart that Adam and Eve lost and gave them to Mother. Father had to practice this course throughout his life. We can only begin to

understand how terribly difficult this was to accomplish.

Because Judaism and Israel failed at the time of Jesus, Father restored the Old Testament era through True Parents' blessing. To restore Christianity, True Family had to move around the world,

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like gypsies, going through a suffering course. Upon the completion of this course in 1992, Father could establish the WFWP. Now, in the Completed Testament era, Father could proclaim messiahship and true parenthood to the world.

In World War II, Great Britain, America and France were the Allied powers, while Germany, Japan and Italy were the Axis powers. These countries should have worked together to bring the unification of Korea. However, they failed and Korea was divided. Kim Il Sung has been acting like a messiah.

The whole world must unite with the true Messiah and bring about the unity of North and South Korea. Father had to embrace on a personal level the false messiah. In Japan, half of the Korean residents support North Korea and half sup-

port South Korea. Now Father is launching a new project in Japan, to unite the two factions of Korean residents in Japan. Eve's mission is to bring together the two sides that are fighting. When they unite, Father can embrace Kim Il Sung.

Satan's side must surrender voluntarily. Seventy to eighty percent of the Korean government supports Father. Kim Il Sung is facing a big wall. Since Father is working to restore Kim Il Sung, America and the free world must stand behind him and not kill North Korean communists.

At the time of the Gulf War, President Bush was not supposed to kill Saddam Hussein. President Bush should have united with Father, followed his suggestion and persuaded Saddam Hussein to come around. Barabbas represents the beginning of the Muslim people, who are in the archangel position. The archangel is supposed to come up to the position of serving the Completed Testament Age. Saddam Hussein was in the position to unite with God's side.

The Gulf War was a forty-three-day war. That time period represented four thousand three hundred years of human history; it represented forty-three years of Father's life. The number four represents earth, and the number three represents heaven. This was a time to clean up everything. Now Father has until the year 2003.

With all these details and plans, Father had to walk the course of indemnity and make Satan surrender. After Father came back from Pyongyang two years ago, he told President Bush not to seek to kill Kim Il Sung. America must help North Korea work with South Korea. President Bush was king of the archangel position and should have united with True Parents. However, instead of following True Parents, President Bush became stubborn and he failed to be reelected. Now President Clinton is reproducing the era of President Carter.

True Parents have instructed us to unite our families. The two Koreas must be united. Unity must take place on a worldwide scale. This time period is like the period immediately following World War II. Father established the WFWP and declared the New Family and the Unified Fatherland (this year's motto).

Fundraise to save our country

God is subject over the world. The world should be prospering and developing; however, it is declining instead. The Unification Church, in the position of Abel, should go out and spread the news. We haven't been doing this, so Father has to do it. When Father's declaration appears in the newspaper, we have to deliv-



At breakfast Father said our priority should be to restore our families and tribes on the grassroots level because that is where Father cannot work and that when Father's declaration appears in the newspaper we should deliver it to every single home in the world.

er it to every single home in the world.

No matter what Americans do, it won't work without Father. All kinds of signs are occurring to indicate that these are the last days. Christians believe that Jesus Christ will descend from the sky; they are waiting for the rapture. Now Father has declared Messiahship. We

Mother said, "If I were to be born again, I would want to be born a woman."

need to go through the indemnity course and implement God's plan. Our conditions must somehow match God's plan.

Remember what the fall of man means: the destruction of the family, initiated by Eve. Now American wives sometimes kill their husbands and choke their children. American women tried to destroy the new Messiah. Now American women must welcome the new Messiah and align their family with him.

Someday Father may send American

women to work in African homes. Father has gone this course. We have to open the gates and let in the sunshine that will point people to True Parents.

Father was told everyone is preparing to go fundraising tomorrow. We have to fundraise to save our country. Who opens heaven's gate? Women. True love is

number one! God blessed America with abundant wealth, so America could fulfill God's plan. In order to solve historical problems, Father and Mother came to America and have gone through difficult times. Nobody knows what the future of the world will be. Blessed couples

must achieve unity between husband and wife, parents and children, and among in-laws.

As a man, Father is the champion of love. This the first time such a champion has appeared on earth. How much do you respect him?

Mother has given birth to many children. She is strong. We must be united with Mother. We must understand her course. Each time Mother gave birth, she went through so much pain. She cried a

The House of Love

Debby Gullery

lot for all mankind. We should praise and respect Mother. Mother is the example of womankind. She was not supposed to show her tears in front of Father; she was not to utter even one word of complaint. There can be no complaints in the course of re-creation, only thanks. Father carried Mother on his back; she rode piggy-back on him. He has declared the new women's era. He is standing behind Mother. With his kingship he supports her queenship.

How precious is the WFWP! We should be ants, not grasshoppers. Ants work hard and work together, moving heavy loads.

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Up to this point, men have been abusing women. Now women should work together to embrace men and bring them back to God. Like widows, all women have been waiting for the true Messiah, the true husband.

In Japan the blessed wives go out and earn money. Women should earn money so that their husbands can go out to do tribal messiahship. If we want to keep our husbands from doing God's work, we are in the position of Satan. We must work for the salvation of the world.

In the future, American women will be mobilized to become one with Korea and Japan. American women must learn Korean. The wife must learn the husband's language.

Father has been giving American women clear teaching. Aren't we lucky to have met him?

In the course of his life, Father even took Satan's beliefs, and then God helped him. Once we believe Satan's word one hundred percent, Satan comes to a dead end, and he has to turn us over to God! The absolute ancestor of faith is God.

"Work hard"

At the end of Father's speech, refreshments were served, and Women's Federation leaders were invited to have brunch with True Parents. At the end of Father's speech, Mother said, "If I were to be born again, I would want to be born a woman." Father stresses that women have a special capacity to be close to God, and Mother said that she would want this. Father explained that Mother made this statement because "She is the happiest woman in the world. She would want to

THE MORNING of April 10 was great! The national officers and some of the others from nearby regions had gathered at East Garden to commemorate the first anniversary of Mother's WFWP speech, Seoul, Korea. There were presentations of flowers, cards and gifts and then Father spoke to us. Afterwards, we were invited to watch a new video from Japan on Mother's life and her WFWP work. However, the best part was the opportunity to have brunch with True Parents.

It was quiet during most of the meal, but Father then asked how many of the members were dining with Father and Mother for the first time in that dining room? When quite a few hands were raised, Father seemed pleased and asked someone to turn on the indoor waterfall. He explained how the rocks in the corner of the room were in an old quarry from which the rocks for the main house had been taken. Then this dining room and second house had been built around the quarry. A fine mist sprinkled the plants and pool and cooled the temperature. It is a big terrarium with a pool of fish at the bottom and sunlight coming through the glass roof.

Then Father began to talk very warmly to us and Mr. Dong Moon Joo translated. It was a wonderful, intimate family sharing. Father and Mother were joking back and forth about Western women and Mother explained Father's true attitude toward American women. She wanted us to understand that Father really loves American sisters and expects the most from them. Most of the officers at the table were Western, and we felt both loved and encouraged.

Father shared that a woman's basic instinct was maternal love for her chil-

dren, and that even animals naturally cared for their young. With the reality of child abuse and even mothers killing their own children, we have sunk lower than animals.

He said that being a mother was a great gift, because it is almost impossible to be bad with you have to take care of children. There is no time for selfishness and one is naturally sacrificial. He used Mother as an example, and explained that the more children we have, the broader our personalities become—Mother can relate to all kinds of people.

Father jokingly asked us if men or women were closest to God and finally he decided that it must be women because of our motherhood experience.

Mother was so happy when Father said that. She said it was the first time Father had ever admitted that women were closest to God. She reiterated something she had shared after Father's speech, which was that if she could be born again, she would want to be born as a woman, and inferred that the reason was that women were closer to God. Father implied that it was because Mother was so happy being blessed to Father!

Father described woman as the "house of love." He said our priority should be to restore our families and tribes, and really work on the grassroots level because that is where Father cannot work.

He then shared about the importance of consistency. He gave the example of fishing every day no matter what and said that consistency brings good fortune.

He said that he wants to become a model fisherman, and then a model farmer, and in conclusion, I felt he was suggesting that through consistent effort we all could become model women and model mothers. ■■■

be blessed with me again, if she had it to do over." Everyone laughed.

Then we joined True Parents for brunch. Again, Father spoke to us about the importance of American women. Although he has chastised us many times, he loves us and has a great hope for American women. Mother explained even further that once the chief sinner repents, a great testimony to God comes through such a person. Thus, American women can create a great revolution of

heart.

After lunch, Father quickly prepared to go fishing with several leaders. As he left, Mother passed by a group of us, and her final words to us were "work hard."

The sisters were moved by Father's message and Mother's words and the opportunity to be with them on that day. As we shared the meal with them, we felt their love for all women. Father is looking forward to the upcoming speaking tour as a way to reach out to all women. ■■■

A New Spring in the Dispensation Has Started in Ukraine

by Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

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AS FATHER INSTRUCTED, I went to Ukraine on January 13, 1993, and spent eight days there. One and a half years ago, two Japanese leaders, Mr. Akihiko Kunitoki and Mr. Azuma Kamimura, met a Ukrainian businessman, Dr. Yury R. Orshansky. [Note: Mr. Kamimura's family name was originally Murakami; at Father's suggestion he changed it to Kamimura, which means in Japanese, "God's village is in the East."] After their relationship developed, Mr. Kunitoki visited Kiev and a second city, Kharkov. Of the fifteen republics of the former Soviet Union, Ukraine has the second largest population, about fifty-two million, and is about three times larger in size than the Korean peninsula. The capital city is Kiev. Ukrainians are proud of their history and their leading role in the founding of Russian Orthodoxy, which began in Kiev in 988 A.D.

Not only is Ukraine the second largest of the former Soviet republics, but its location, natural resources, level of education, and foundation of science and technology give it great importance.

More than half of the armaments of the former Soviet Union were produced in this country. Its port of Odessa, on the Black Sea, is very important for the former Soviet Union.

I visited several famous institutes, including a cybernetics institute and a nuclear research institute that employs thousands of researchers, more than eight hundred of whom have doctorate degrees. They are very proud of their technical know-how, academic achievements, and research development.

After building a relationship with Mr. Kunitoki and WACOM, some Ukrainian leaders visited Korea. A Ukrainian cabinet minister, a new deputy minister, and Dr. Orshansky studied Divine Principle in Korea. I met with them and spoke about Father's foundation and accomplishments, and they were deeply moved. On the last day of their visit, Father invited them to breakfast. He spoke to them about their role in transforming the communist system into a free market system and how their nation has to change. Again they were moved. Before they left Korea, they shared with



The location of the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church is pictured above. Ukrainians are proud of their leading role in the founding of Russian Orthodoxy, which began in Kiev in 988 A.D.

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me their determination to become public relations men for Father's thought and activities, and they invited me to visit their country.

On this trip I was accompanied by several technicians and Japanese leaders. I was amazed to discover at the airport in Moscow that these businessmen had prepared a charter airplane for our group. From the first day until the last moment, they did their best to look after us. The Ukrainian government has some unresolved issues with the Russian government. They have a plan for full independence from Russia and are calling for the development of an economic system like that of the European Community among all the CIS nations. Because of their many resources and geographical position, they are in competition with the Russian government. They are anxious to promote economic development and make a smooth transition to the free-market system.

Of course they have many difficulties. First, I learned that more than half of the country's leaders are former communist officials. The prime minister, as well as some of the other ministers, privately shared with me their concerns. They want to make changes and they know how to do so, but many of the parliament members want to preserve the old ways. Their current economic situation is difficult because of their lack of resources, especially funds.

The Ukrainian Orthodox church is not very strong right now. The Ukrainian Orthodox church is different from the Russian Orthodox church, and its top leaders are divided into pro-Russian and pro-Ukrainian factions, which are fighting each other. Even though they are asking for us to give them economic assistance and make investments in their country, Father has told them that more important than economic assistance is education, especially for their young people.

I met prominent leaders, including the prime minister, important ministers, the deputy chairman of the congress, members of congress, and local officials. I also met some of the president's staff. Fortunately for me, Mr. Antonov Victor Ivanovich, minister of engineering, Military Industrial Complex and Conversion of the Ukraine, and Dr. Yury R. Orshansky, had already told these people about Father and introduced them to Father's thought. I appreciated their wonderful preparation. When I met these leaders and basically explained Father's thought and viewpoint, they were completely open. They accepted what I had to say and in many areas they agreed with my explanations.

Meeting with Metropolitan Nicodim

Another significant meeting was with a leader of the Ukrainian Orthodox church. I didn't meet

the top leaders in Kiev because their situation now is unstable, but there are three metropolitans, or top officials of the Orthodox church. One of them is Metropolitan Nicodim of Kharkov and Boghodu Dukhov, Ukrainian Orthodox church. As he was a minister, I didn't know how to introduce him to our community. At the beginning of our meeting there was some tension. Government leaders and other leaders respect him, and in their Orthodox church system he is highly esteemed. I could see by the setting of his office that he was an important person. In the beginning he was a little distant, but Father's array of inter-religious activities and worldwide foundation is a powerful testimony about Father, so I brought a copy of *World Scripture*

The group pausing for a photo with Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak (c.) is (l.-r.): Dr. Kang Yeon Kim (Se-il Heavy Industries), Mr. Akihiko Kunitoki, Dr. Yury R. Orshansky (Montelect Company, Ukraine), Mr. Hosaka (WACOM), Mr. Azuma Kamimura (WACOM), Dr. Marx Han (interpreter), Mr. Se Ick Oh (World Computer), Mr. Hiroshi Yamamoto, Dr. Yong Joo Kim (Il -Hwa).



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and some literature about the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace and other inter-religious activities. This had a very powerful influence on him. I explained the real purpose of Jesus Christ and other founders of religions. I talked about the core teachings of religions and said that religious harmony and cooperation is our destiny; without such a movement, world peace can never come. I explained to him step by step the range of Father's thought and how Father brings together world religious leaders.

World Scripture is a powerful testimony. Not only Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant leaders, but also Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus are closely linked with Father's movement. The book had an influence on him; he gradually opened his mind and became close and warmhearted. During the era of the former Soviet Union, he was jailed several times and tortured. His life is very sacrificial; so, he was able to understand Father's situation.

Later we were invited to a banquet. I could see that he is very respected because his was the head place among thirty other seats prepared for vari-

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ous leaders, including government officials. As he entered, he gave the order to prepare one more head seat for me, and he received me with warmth and friendliness. His attitude moved not only our members but also other officials. Suddenly both religions were becoming close, having good dialogue, because of this influence.

That evening I was invited to another banquet. Originally Metropolitan Nicodim was not scheduled to be there. It was a very cold and snowy day, but he voluntarily attended. This meeting gave me a chance to explain more as-

conditions. He shared with me that he wanted to invite True Parents to visit on, an official government level. As you know, Father has visited many nations and has been received by important persons, but this is only the second government-level invitation extended to True Parents. The first was North Korea, where Father visited by invitation of the government.

However, I did not just accept his invitation and simply thank him. I thanked him for his invitation to Father, but then I told him, "You should know that you don't invite Rev. Moon as a business leader or for the purpose of joint-venture research. He is the most important person, the one who brings a new vision to inspire the younger generation and a new system of thought for educating the youth. Your nation and your people absolutely need his teaching." The prime minister agreed.

Then I said that before Father and Mother arrive, I want to visit once more and educate the nation's leaders, especially the commissioner of the education department and other high officials. I said I want to teach a thousand people about Father's basic ideology. I emphasized to him that this is not just a Unification Church idea, but a teaching that will call young people to a high standard of ethics and morality and bring a renewal of spirit and thought. He accepted this idea and said he wanted all students to be educated in our thought. Actually, they have no basic principles of education, and the younger generation is struggling. Therefore, this time period is very important for them. The prime minister accepted my idea and I will go there again. Even though the potential for business investments and joint ventures is there, I never promised any kind of business details or signed any agreement. First, I want to educate them.

Hope for the future

The technicians who went with me were very moved by our visits to various institutes. Their institutes are on such a huge scale, and their level of technical know-how is amazing. Father always emphasizes the importance of technical research for the future of humankind. Father especially intends to support Africa and third-world countries with technical and economic assistance. These Ukrainian institutes operate on a low budget, and in the present economic situation, wages average less than ten dollars a month. The U.S. dollar is powerful in that country. After I returned, I realized how important one dollar is. Small amounts of money can create a great effect there.

I asked the prime minister, Mr. Kuchma, about legalizing our church. I confirmed David Stewart as the present national leader of our Ukrainian

pects of Father's foundation and activities. He promised me that our community would always have a close relationship with him and that we would be allowed to focus on the education of the younger generation.

Meeting with the prime minister

When I met the prime minister, Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, he was expecting that Father would make some investments and possibly start some joint-venture companies, which Ukraine needs. However, Father envisions an economic free zone and attractive conditions for foreign investors. I explained to them what kind of advantages they need to offer in order to attract foreign investors. Basically, the prime minister agreed to all the



Rev. Kwak gives Metropolitan Nicodim a replica of Korean King Se-jong's crown as Mr. Se Ick Oh looks on. Rev. Kwak reported, "He promised me that our community would always have a close relationship with him and that we would be allowed to focus on the education of the younger generation."

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church after Dr. Joon Ho Seuk chose him. We want to obtain a building for our church activities; however, because of government regulations, foreigners still have difficulty obtaining buildings, even though they have money. We have submitted our application for the legalization of our church and are waiting for the prime minister's approval.

The Ukraine is thinking of appointing me to be their honorary general consul in Seoul. They have no ambassador in Seoul, so they want to appoint me to represent them. Actually, I already have a busy schedule. However, I know well Father's sympathy for the former Soviet Union and Father's desire to support them, educate them, and help rebuild their economic foundation.

The leaders are reading the *Divine Principle* and the story of Father's life. More than us, they like to read books; we have to publish many books to introduce Father and the *Divine Principle* there. They want materials.

Many of our worldwide leaders have to go quickly to the former Soviet Union. We need to educate core members among the local people. As you have heard, throughout the whole CIS, many students have graduated from seven- and twenty-one-day seminars. On the horizontal level many have attended, but few of them are core leaders. Therefore, we have to focus quickly to educate them about Father's thought and idea.

With the present lack of funds, the economic situation is difficult, but I found a lot of hope because their historical foundation is not that of a poor third-world nation. It is completely different. Before I went there I was concerned about cold weather, but Kiev is on the same latitude as Frankfurt, Germany. Their weather is the same as

Germany's. On the Black Sea, there are many resort areas, where it is warm. The land is flat and fertile. Because of the thousand-year foundation of Orthodox Christianity, their level of culture and education is very high. The cities are well organized; they are modern in design and similar to European cities.

I suggested to one government minister that if they sell urban buildings to Westerners, they wouldn't have to be concerned about funds. Actually, all the city buildings and the land belong to the government. If they sell even a fifth of their buildings to Westerners, they would obtain an amazing amount of money. That official answered that they had not given much thought to that possibility.

A more difficult point is that more than half of the members of parliament are former communist party leaders, and they want to keep the status quo. If even one building is sold to Westerners, they worry about the consequences. They are afraid because they don't understand the Western free-market system. However, if they adopt a free-market system, they would be able to obtain a lot of resources.

Before the younger generation becomes worse, we have to lend them a hand and educate the people. The Ukraine is a model country among all the former Soviet republics. Conditions in other countries are not so good as those in Ukraine, so I want to focus on educating Ukrainians and quickly develop Father's foundation there.

Father and Mother have not yet decided when to accept their invitation to visit Ukraine. The prime minister, Mr. Kuchma, said they need to give only one month's notice prior to their visit. It depends on Father's schedule. When Father comes, the prime minister promised to gather all leaders to listen to his teaching. They are starting to respect Father.

Many activities throughout this world are based on Father's thought and await our leadership. We should pray for the many countries of the former Soviet Union and our missionaries there.

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Statue of the Heroes

Our missionary in the Ukraine is still very young and does not have much experience. We need to develop some system for supporting and assisting them. We have to quickly develop Ukraine and other CIS countries.

Meeting with Muslim leaders

On my way back from Ukraine to Korea, I visited Cairo because I wanted to meet Grand Mufti Kuftaro of Syria. He was attending the Muslim world conference which meets every two years. Thirty-four ministers of religion in Muslim countries attended, as well as a few heads of state. The main topic of the eight-day conference was how to prevent terrorism in Muslim countries. Many

Muslim leaders are concerned that their country's image is linked with terrorism. They want to cut off the relationship with any kind of violence and terrorism.

I stayed there only one full day, but I met several top leaders of the Muslim world. Their common comment was that even after eight days of meetings and discussions, they would not be able to resolve the issue. All participants recognized that they should sever relations with terrorists, but they have no basic idea or direction.

Among the leaders I met were the former president of Sudan, H. E. Swar Eldahab; one of the top scholars of the Muslim community, Dr. M. A. Zaki Badawi, who is president of the Muslim College in London; and Dr. Ahmad Kuftaro. One is a political leader, one a scholar, and one a religious leader. All of them admitted that they had no solution to the problem which was the focus of the conference. Through this experience once again they realized how important a foundation Father has laid for world peace through our inter-religious activities. They praised Father and shared how deeply they respect him.

I mention this because Father began doing interdenominational and inter-religious activities a very long time ago. At that time even I had no idea how important a role they would play throughout the world. The former communist world needs Father's teaching and guidance. You Unification Theological Seminary graduates should be hopeful. Do not think that your activities will always be confined to this nation. Your future territory is the world. Many people and many nations are waiting for us. We have to reach out for the sake of the world to achieve world peace. ■■

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Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine (r. side) meets with Father's representative, Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak (third from l.).

Excerpts from Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak's Letter April 12, 1993

Heartfelt greetings from Korea.

Spring has come again, and it is already the month of April of this year of 1993, when True Parents' motto of "New Family and the Unified Fatherland" has to be accomplished.

Most especially, Father declared 1993 the first year of the Completed Testament Age. In this sense, you missionaries, who are witnessing with the words of the Completed Testament and testifying to True Parents, are so precious, and your efforts are appreciated wholeheartedly.

True Parents are in good health. Father's proclamation of "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age," came out in the newspapers of one hundred sixty countries on Saturday, April 10 [and in the United States May 17]. From this, we can comprehend Father's eager and urgent heart that all people understand his position as the True Parent.

Ukraine VIP Divine Principle seminar

I have visited Ukraine again, this time from March 30 to April 6. There I was pleased to meet again with important government officials, including the prime minister. With the minister of education, I discussed at length a training program for the leaders of education in Ukraine.

We held a three-day seminar for eighty educational leaders, including university presidents and professors. Some religious leaders also attended. All the participants responded very positively. To pave the way for that seminar, the prime minister had instructed the minister of education to send out official letters to all universities.

I personally gave all the lectures of Divine Principle and Unification Thought. When I reflected on how that country had been under communism just a few years ago, I felt so grateful. Indeed, that was a wonderful development in God's dispensation!

With the cooperation of the ministry of education, we will hold seminars for professors, teachers, and students on a weekly basis. In addition, I have promised the minister of education to hold a special seminar at the end of June, for one hundred seventy-five university presidents and directors of educational institutes.

I was able to have a very meaningful reunion with Metropolitan Nicodim of the Ukrainian Orthodox church. He has developed a deep relationship with our church.

To help the Ukrainian people, who are suffering under economic difficulties, Father gave me a direction, which I proposed to the president, to pass a law establishing a special free-trade zone. The prime minister has already agreed to that idea, and a law allowing foreign investment in Ukraine under favorable conditions is now lodged with the Ukrainian Congress.

Regarding joint ventures between Ukrainian companies and Korean or Japanese ones, progress

is being made. The first joint-venture company will be established in Ukraine in April.

Ukraine church booming

The Unification Church of Ukraine is in the process of becoming formally registered with the government. Local churches already exist in seven cities; four hundred fifty members attend Sunday service. They are in contact with the five thousand or so participants of our seminars over the last few years; our members have determined to increase membership by one hundred percent in April.

A new spring in the dispensation has started in Ukraine, which has been frozen for seventy years under communist oppression.

The Ukrainian government has extended an official invitation to True Parents; they are giving an opportunity for the nation's leaders to hear Father's words directly. When and where have we ever been able to witness with such support before? Indeed, the Completed Testament Age has come!

Father's expectation for Ukraine is so high. Ukraine can be a model of reformation and development; its success can influence all of the CIS and Eastern European nations.

To help Ukraine realize its potential with regard to Father's desire, our worldwide church members are asked to support them with deep concern and sincere cooperation. Especially the national leaders are urged to cooperate fully and urgently. I ask you to join in praying for this dispensation.

A fresh bud in early spring

Ukraine is like a fresh bud in early spring. A great deal of financial support is needed for purchasing a headquarters building, which will hold continuous program seminars and will support the pioneers working in the outlying cities.

I earnestly ask you to join in praying for, and financially supporting, our infant but potentially great Ukrainian Unification church.

We are grateful to True Parents' grace, which allows us to experience the Completed Testament Age and to live in this amazing era.

May True Parents' blessing be with your nations and your families. ■■■

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The sign says: Seminar for Organizers of the Peoples Education of Ukraine, April 5, 1993; Sponsor—Unification Church. With Reverend Kwak (c.) are (l.-r.) representatives of Islam, Judaism, Ukrainian Orthodoxy and the vice-governor of Kharkov. Reverend Kwak taught all of the Divine Principle and Unification Thought lectures.

Eight Members Released

by Genie Kagawa

IN THE MIDST OF TEARS OF JOY and deep emotion, eight members were released from the main prison in Bangkok, Thailand, on March 17, 1993. Seven brothers and one sister had spent twenty-one months in prison following their arrest, which culminated a vicious negative campaign by a Thai newspaper and persecution by the Thai military regime. Those imprisoned included the national leader and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Lek Thaveetermsakul, Wonchai Somchaisakul, Samak Sutthipan, Suchai Chinnotkote, Somyos Phipattanamongkol, Annop Tungkanakul, and Pittaya Srisuwan.

During this time of trial and difficulty, inspiration from True Parents was our compass and guide. Through our regional directors, Rev. and Mrs. Byung Wooh Kim, we were able to feel True Parents' deep compassion and concern for Thailand, as well as their confidence and vision for the providence, which was our rope of encouragement to hold on to.

When our members were arrested on

June 26, 1991, Rev. Kim immediately reported to True Parents. At that time, Father was very calm and expressed confidence that we could overcome this situation in Thailand. He said, "Through the sacrifice of eight people in prison, the victory over evil power will be won. Don't worry; we will win, but it will take time."

These were astonishing words, considering that the police had been making daily raids on our thirty centers for four months, resulting in the closing of all our churches in Thailand. Arrest warrants were issued for twenty leaders in our church, including True Parents and our regional director.

Father gave us the total support of a lawyer and sent us Mr. Neil Salonen, Dr. Morton Kaplan and Dr. Nicholas Kittrie to meet officials on the highest level of government. Mr. Salonen has guided our lawyer in a high-dimensional way and has given him continuous support and

encouragement.

It was always a challenge to overcome the communication barriers between members in prison and outside. It even took time for the members in jail to understand why they were there and why it

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had been impossible to bail them out. Dr. Lek's wife was being given medicine by our members, and when the prison staff found out, they put her in a dark room for three days.

We were often reminded of Jesus' words in the Bible, "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force." Satan tried to



The entire Thai family gathers to welcome the seven brothers and one sisters home after twenty-one months in prison.

sed from Thai Prison



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Jack Hart, founding missionary, (fifth from l.) embraces the national leader and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Lek Thaveetermsakul (center), and the others released March 17, 1993. They were facing charges under a new law that would have allowed them to be sentenced without trial to either execution or imprisonment.

divide us by prison walls and immigration guard posts, but in our deep feeling there was no such separation.

Facing life imprisonment or death

In Thailand, the word "democracy" seems fresh and renewing. Democracy is something that God gave to the world so

taking drugs. On June 25, Dr. Lek sued the newspaper, and the following day the police raided our centers and arrested eight leaders. Our members were held on national security charges, for which there is normally no opportunity for bail. They were facing charges under a new law which would have allowed them to be

sentenced without trial to either execution or life imprisonment. At this crucial time, Mr. Salonen, Dr. Kaplan and Dr. Kittrie came to Thailand to clarify our movement to the prime minister's office.

The final charges accused our members of

making an uprising or revolution which would cause Thailand to fall under the rule of a foreign country. We were charged with trying to destroy the political system, the economic system, the national religion, the Thai national language, and the monarchy. There have been more than thirty-three hearings to date on our court case, and no witness has been able to prove that the above charges are in any way valid.

After our members were imprisoned

for a year, there was an outcry in Thailand against the leaders of the military regime, which ended in terrible bloodshed in the streets. Innocent Thais, instead of us, shed their blood and sacrificed their lives to restore democracy to this country. We felt that God and the people were on our side, and that because of the indemnity of our eight members in prison, democracy could return to Thailand.

Although Rev. and Mrs. Byung Wooh Kim have not been able to work substantially in Thailand, because of the existing arrest war-

rants, their hearts have always been linked to Thailand. As our regional directors, they prayed and gave us spiritual guidance until our movement was spiritually rebuilt and became spiritually and financially stable. Thailand was always on their mind because of their concern for our situation. From February 21 to 24 of this year, the Thai leaders were able to meet with Rev. and Mrs. Kim in Malaysia, taking with them letters from our imprisoned members. The Thai leaders returned with renewed spirit and enthusiasm. It was shortly after this encounter that our members were released.

We feel immense gratitude for all the worldwide membership which prayed for Thailand and supported our situation with their sincerity. Since our members' release, we feel that Satan's power in the court case has been greatly reduced, and the evil power can be more easily defeated. We are very grateful to our True Parents for opening up this highway from the depths of hell. We can only praise them, for truly they are our glorious Parents, who taught us through their example how to get the victory step by step. ■■■

Mrs. Genie Kagawa is a missionary to Thailand.

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that human rights and freedom could be given for the Messiah to be able to work freely without danger. However, in the West, democracy has only been used for people's own self-indulgence and abuse. In Thailand, when precious freedom was removed, we came to know its true value.

In February 1991, there was a military coup in Thailand, and the country was ruled by martial law. In May of that year a newspaper accused us of teaching children to disrespect their parents and of

Separation Makes Us Feel Closer to Each Other

Testimony after release from prison

by Lek Thaveetermsakul

TODAY, WE ENTERED into another world. In the prison, until the day we were released, I never felt distance or separation from anyone. I felt as if we had been staying together. In the realm of heart, our relationships can never be cut away. Sometimes, separation makes us feel closer to each other. We worry about each other, and this makes our relationship with God and True Parents become reality. I know that all of our members worried and prayed for us. In this situation we kept our heartistic relationship centering on God and True Parents.

The time passed quickly. However, the time that has not yet come passes very slowly. In the future we may have different missions, so we cannot meet each other. If husband and wife separate or go to another country, we don't feel separation.

God wants true freedom for mankind, not just the freedom to come and go, but the freedom to have relationships with God, True Parents, and brothers and sisters, without limitation. I feel that we just separated yesterday and then met again. Our mind can go beyond time and space, but externally we need freedom, because we have many things to do.

I feel so thankful to God and True Parents, to Rev. and Mrs. Kim, and to the missionaries, leaders, and members. In the past twenty-one months, a hurricane hit with full strength on the national level. Everything was shaken, but the foundation remains. I feel grateful to God that we could pass through this difficult period. We could keep faith, work hard, and overcome all circumstances. I feel especially happy that almost everyone could receive the blessing last year. I was always thinking of each member.

After Rev. Kim came to Thailand, our church became more active. We increased membership, worked hard, and grew quickly. People who didn't know us felt afraid of us. The media, which has a great deal of influence on the minds of people,

caused great misunderstanding. The political situation was changing at that time, and there was not much support for freedom and democracy. Our church leaders were arrested because of a misunderstanding of our purpose. Thailand had developed economically, but it regressed politically under the military government.

After our arrest, I worried that some terrible situation could happen in Thailand. I followed the political situation from the prison. It looked like the country was going back to the dark ages. Externally, the world situation is developing towards democracy and freedom, and God's providence was moving so fast. I always prayed that good changes could happen without bloodshed in Thailand. However, a year after our arrest, many

people were killed because of political conflicts.

We must feel grateful to God, True Parents, and the work of the good spirit world, that this country could pass through this crisis and turn in a better

This event happened because we didn't do enough to make everyone understand about us from the right perspective.

direction. Even if this country develops externally, internal problems can destroy society internally. Therefore, there must be freedom of religion to provide moral solutions.

In prison we could see the reality of the problems that destroy this society. We had talked about drugs in the past, but



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Somyos Phipattanamongkol (l.) and Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul (r.) walking to the hearing room at court August 10, 1992. "Many people who entered that prison became very sorrowful and died."

we didn't feel close to these problems. We didn't see how serious they are. Even though our society looks bright externally, it is full of a disease that is destroying it from the inside.

When we entered prison, the guards didn't look at us as human. Many people who entered there became very sorrowful and died. It looked like a ghost house. It was horrible and terrible. It looked like the rock bottom of hell. After six months that jail was destroyed. Before we were moved from there, I prayed that all the sorrowful spirits of injustice, pain and resentment could be liberated.

We were moved to a different prison, with a better spiritual situation, better living conditions, and better attitudes on the part of the guards and prisoners. Even the court case looked generally better. It seemed that the power of the opposite side had become weaker and our power became stronger. We passed through the worst level and gained the respect of the officers and the prisoners. The situation was so pitiful that we donated a videotape player and recorder to the prison. We helped them as much as we could last year.

We heard that Father and Mother

worried about us and asked about us. We faced Satan's evil power and tests, both internally and externally. I feel grateful that everyone could keep their faith, even though it was so difficult. We are making a new history. We are such a new religion that no one can immediately accept us. However, most of you are still here and have overcome the persecution. We had to keep our faith and stand before God, without collapsing or disappearing, until the storm passed. On that victorious foundation, God could bring about the victory for our projects here. This is the course that we had to go through.

I never thought that this would be an easy way. In doing God's will, we may have to walk a narrow path. If we make one mistake, we fall down. True Parents have gone a more dangerous way than we have. Once I committed myself to follow True Parents, I felt that one day I might face a difficult situation or even jail. Knowing the way is difficult, I had prepared my heart, so I was not afraid even to go to jail. My worry was for the public mission and God's dispensation for this country. We have an important mission for the country. We must be serious and prepare for any situation.

I didn't want to be angry or hold resentment against anyone, but I was sad because I felt responsible for the situation. This event happened because we didn't do enough to make everyone understand about us from the right perspective. This

persecution caused a lot of damage to ourselves, our church, and our country. We had to go another, more difficult way. How much did we fulfill our responsibility? This is a problem for God and True Parents. We love our country, and we don't want our country to be destroyed before our eyes.

Even if there is a small condition of righteousness that God can accept, He can withhold His judgment and give new opportunity to this country. Then, there is

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new hope for the resurrection and salvation of this country. I still believe God has mercy and compassion on this nation. We must recognize our position in the mainstream of God's providence for the salvation of this country.

We want our True Parents to have complete glory and not to experience any sorrow during the building of their victorious foundation. It will be our great joy to erase the pain and misery of True Parents, and then True Parents can receive glory and joy completely and without reservation. ■■■

Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul is national leader of the Unification Church of Thailand.



Freed family cut the cake at the welcome party March 26, 1993.

Testimonies After Release from Prison

God Worked Small Miracles

Kwee Ju Thaveetermsakul

Two weeks before we were captured, Dr. Lek told me that we might have to go to jail. He said, "You must prepare your heart." So we had prepared ourselves already.

When we were in jail, Dr. Lek said, "Where is the Heavenly Kingdom? Is the Heavenly Kingdom outside? If our mind is in the Heavenly Kingdom, the Heavenly Kingdom is here." We had confidence because our brothers and sisters prayed for us.

Father received persecution and was hurt many times. Whoever walks this way of faith must face many difficulties. Many people in God's providence, including True Parents, went this way alone. There were no members to pray for them. But we are lucky. True Parents and Rev. and Mrs. Kim worried about us. After being in jail, I can understand why True Father is in such a hurry to do God's will.

In jail, I was reminded about Job in the Bible. He said, "Before, I heard about God with my ears, but now I can see God with my own eyes." Because of this experience I could understand God's heart more deeply. For me, the happiest moments were going to court and seeing the members.

Once I dreamed about Rev. and Mrs. Kim. They couldn't come to visit us, so they sent us a tape. Rev. Kim's voice was

crying, and he asked us to take care of our health. They couldn't stay in Thailand, but their minds were as if they were in jail.

I was the only sister in jail. In the beginning, it was difficult because I was put in a restricted area for well-known cases, and I was not allowed to go anywhere or speak to anyone for seven months. I could not work together physically with the brothers and sisters, but my heart was still working with everyone. I am thankful that the members prayed for me and gave me inspiration throughout the twenty-one months.

I would like to share one small example of how God worked miracles in the

jail. When we slept, the fan was always turned on high, usually towards the newcomers. For two months the fan blew directly on me, and I was always catching colds. If I tried to move I was always scolded. Finally I couldn't bear it, so I prayed for the fan to be moved in another direction. Two days later the fan was moved. However, each time it was moved

the people would always direct it back towards me. Then I prayed for the fan to break. Suddenly, it broke and was not repaired for nine or ten months.

I worked in the jewelry section in the prison. I also studied the Thai language, because sometimes the police would come and ask me to sign papers and I didn't know what I was signing. I also wanted to study Thai because I must work in Thailand.

I would also like to thank all the

members who gave us spiritual and physical food.

I Want to Go Back and Visit the Inmates

Suchai Chinnakote

I've learned the precious value of freedom. I feel so happy I'm not sure I can speak. Actually, I believe in God. I truly believe that God works through human beings. Without human beings, God cannot work.

I studied the *Divine Principle* in jail. Subject and object have the same destiny.

Thank you all for being our inspiration and our great support.

If the subject is oppressed, the object is oppressed. If the subject is in jail, the object is also in jail. When we meet our brothers and sisters, I'm reminded of the pledge to build one world. Every brother and sister is full of value. Our brothers and sisters are like the lambs or heifers in the Bible, ready to face difficulty or sacrifice.

I feel confident that we can make this country better. In a dark room, even if there is a little bit of light, there is hope.

In prison I saw so many injustices. I could understand more of the paths that the saints walked. The sacrifices which they made for humanity helped prepare my heart. If my heart had not been prepared, I would have been so confused in prison. I'm lucky because I had something to hold on to which helped me adjust to prison life.

In prison we saw people beaten by the police. It's very sad. They totally lost their minds. It takes time to adjust to prison life. Being there is really against the law



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Suchai Chinnakote (second from l.), Wonchai Somchaisakul (c.), Somyos Phipattanamongkol (r.). Suchai writes, "From God's viewpoint there should never have been any prisons in this world."

of nature. The inmates were treated like dirt. Instead of giving inmates love and care, the guards beat them up. I tried to see everything from God's viewpoint: there should never have been any prisons in this world; there shouldn't have been any confinement.

While I was there, I tried to help others as much as I could. When church members visited and brought us food, I would share it with other inmates. This made the inmates feel less tense and reduced the pressure there. When one inmate found out that we were being released, he said he was losing something precious. I would like to go back and visit those inmates.

We Learned to Understand the People

Wonchai Somchaisakul

I was at the training center when the police arrested me. Some of the other leaders were at the station, and reporters were taking pictures of us. When we insisted on talking to the person in charge, the police scolded us. Finally, at 10:00 pm an official announced to the press that we

had two hundred thousand members and that, if we were allowed to continue working, it would be dangerous for the country.

When we arrived in prison, the officers had a very bad impression of us from the newspapers. They persecuted us with bad looks, bad actions, and bad words. There were about four thousand prisoners. After two months, we came to understand the people and learned how to take care of ourselves in that situation. We couldn't complain, because our situation was much easier than Father's situation in Hungnam prison.

In the beginning I struggled to understand why this event happened in the twentieth century and in a democratic country. Also, True Parents have already been received and welcomed in the world. Little by little, we came to know how much satanic activity is hidden in this country. After three months, we heard from Father that this country needed indemnity, since otherwise terrible things would have happened. During these two years I could feel God's side getting victory over the evil side little by little. I felt that it was the love and concern of True Parents that made these changes possible in this country.

I could learn Father's heart in prison. I felt that our situation is not difficult,

compared to Father's. We always tried to keep up with God's providence, and we made up our minds to follow God's will absolutely.

We are out on bail. We still have to win the final court battle, so that God, True Parents and our movement can truly work in this country.

True Parents Remembered Our Names

Somyos Phipattanamongkol

When we entered prison, we thought it was God's will for us to get bailed out and fight. Later, we were sure that it was God's will for us to stay inside. After I knew it was God's will, I tried to think about what Father did in jail, and check what kind of attitude I should have. Outside people think that jail is the worst place, but we were proud of it. Some members said that they were jealous, because without this experience it is difficult to understand God's heart and True Father's heart.

I wanted to have a thankful attitude in every situation and to make God and True Parents happy. I should be grateful rather than complain.

When we went to court, we were put in chains, like criminals. We couldn't

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imagine that they would put chains on us. However, if we have the attitude that we are fallen people and need to be put in chains in order to be released from sin, we are willing to wear them. In this way I felt grateful to be put in chains and pay indemnity.

Even in difficult situations, God teaches us. I have become wiser and more knowledgeable about how to fight the evil in this world. There are people who are instruments of evil. I prayed to maintain the attitude of being in prison in order to create a good society. I don't have any resentment about being confined. I always believed that one day we would regain our freedom, because God



Pittaya Srisuwan (l.) and Samak Sutthipan on the way to a hearing. Samak writes, "They recognized that Unificationism is on God's side, so [later] they let us control the doorways, money, and hot water. We became leaders."

created man so that man could have freedom.

Later on, we tried to witness to people in jail. On Saturdays and Sundays, we held services from 9:00 to 12:00. God and the spirit world supported us, and now there are two spiritual children in jail who accept Divine Principle.

There were positive and negative experiences. On the negative side was the unrighteous treatment we received at the hands of a brutal system. On the positive side was the fact that Father and Mother prayed for us and remembered our names. Actually, we have no qualification, but through this situation, we were remembered by True Parents. Let us follow True Parents and return joy to them.

I Have No Resentment in My Heart

Pittaya Srisuwan

In the beginning I was put in the room with all the brothers, but later they found out that I was only twenty-one, so they put me in the juvenile jail. They di-

vided us into three work groups. The group that made rattan furniture had access to a lot of chemicals. In order to escape the pressure, they would sniff paint thinner.

I think criminal codes are very good, but without applying them with the right heart, they can do a lot of harm to people. Some of the teenagers were innocent, but once they got into prison, they became evil because of the environment. Even their language changed to prison language. Wanting to get away from the world of high walls and enter a dream world, they would sniff paint thinner.

Actually, the staff should have been responsible for this problem, but they were heartless. From the teenagers' viewpoint, the staff used the rules and regulations against the inmates, without love and care.

Every work group had its quotas, and people were punished if they didn't fulfill them. Some inmates tried to escape working. In my group, which worked in the paper factory, someone was lazy and took the sheets of paper and stuffed them into the toilet. One day the staff found out, took the sheets of paper out of the toilet, and made everyone kiss the sheets full

of feces.

I am glad I had the opportunity to have been in jail. I don't have any resentment in my heart. I learned a lot of things in prison, and I feel a lot of sympathy for the one thousand youths who were with me in prison. I think they didn't get enough love. Most of them have a limited education. Being there really worsened their lives.

In the old prison it was difficult to

After we had been in prison for some time, little by little we began to occupy important areas of the jail.

communicate because we were put in separate places. In the other prison, we could come out and communicate. We had to prepare our hearts and minds to make a good foundation, and finally we were released.

We Became Leaders

Samak Sutthipan

It's easy for anyone to get arrested here. One person was sleeping at the bus stop, and the police put him in jail with criminal gang charges. It happens every day. The laws are still very backward. Once in jail, good people become evil because of the pressure there. There is not



(L.) At the leaders' meeting in Malaysia in February, Rev. and Mrs. Byung Wooh Kim,

enough food and medicine. The pressure makes them turn to a bad life, and they make friends with other criminals. Finally, when they graduate from the satanic course and get out into the world, they commit crimes.

In prison, I could see the reality of Thai society. This society needs righteous people who can protect human rights and who can build a better society. I can see injustices and how society neglects problems. The way the staff treats people is very sad. The staff were fairly well educated, but this problem is deeply rooted in society. I want to do something for this society. I don't want to see such things any more. Society looks beautiful on the surface, but we are in danger every minute, because we could lose our human rights in one second.

After we had been in prison for some time, little by little we began to occupy important areas of the jail. Finally, they used the words "Mr." and "Mrs." in addressing us, not some low-class words. They recognized that Unificationism is on God's side, so they let us control the doorways, money, and hot water. We became leaders.

Anything Brutal Could Happen

Annop Tungkanakul

First, I would like to thank you all for being our inspiration and our great support. Finally we got bailed out and



Regional leader Rev. Byung Woooh Kim (c.) together with leaders for a photo at the leader's meeting in Malaysia last February. Jack Hart (fifth from l., front row), Rev. Kim, Mrs. Kim, and Genie Kagawa.

received our freedom.

We were brought to prison at 7:00 pm. Everything was so dark there. I saw lots of tattoos of dragons, snakes, and all kinds of animals, on the inmates. There were seven of us, so I wasn't so afraid. But if it had been just me, I wouldn't be so sure.

We were given a physical exam, but the clinic didn't help the inmates who were sick. If you went to the clinic complaining of a fever or migraine headache, they might put an antiseptic on your forehead. There were a lot of skin diseases, especially fungus and scabies. No matter how clean I tried to stay, I also got the fungus. There were thirty people confined to a room two meters wide by five meters long. We had only a small sleeping space, so if I needed to go to the

bathroom during the night, I would be sure to lose my place. Ninety-five percent of the prisoners smoked, so the room was always full of smoke.

The first three to four months, at the old prison, were the most difficult. Entering there felt like going into a cave. The walls were thick, and there was hardly

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any ventilation. The people in power abused their power and anything brutal could happen. People got beaten with a big stick covered with rubber, which caused internal bleeding.

The new inmates were in charge of garbage collection. We had to collect everything, including feces. There was no toilet in the sleeping room except for a pan with a piece of wood on top. Everybody would enter a lottery to decide who would dump the pan. You needed a good sense of balance to keep from getting dirty.

These are people who need to be protected and cared for because their security and their rights have been threatened.

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Editor's Note: These eight individuals, imprisoned in Thailand, are the leaders of the Thai church, including the director of their video center. The legal proceedings are not yet completed.



(r.) regional director and spouse, encourage the brothers and sisters.

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The First Conference for WFWP in Suriname, South America

by Marilyn Mckenzie

THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS were so excited, especially the sisters, when our national leader, Carlos Ferreira returned from Alaska [*Father's workshop with the missionaries*] and told us about hearing our Mother's speech to the American Chapter of WFWP. Desiring to

She stressed the stability of the family centered upon husband-wife-child unity as a condition for creating a better world.

follow Father's suggestion, Carlos gave us forty days to prepare for our first WFWP conference.

Following the footsteps of our elder sisters throughout the world, on December 17, 1992, at the Torarica Hotel, Paramaribo, our first conference was held. A total of two hundred five women and men ranging from university professors, teachers, different women's organizations and groups, ministers and parents of our members all assembled at 6 p.m. to listen to what is WFWP's solution to world problems, and especially the economic problems of the country.

We began with the national anthem. The Woman's Federation for World Peace was warmly introduced by Mrs. Hellen Haman, president of the J.C.'s Suriname chapter and secretary of the PWPA. The goals and statement of purpose was read. The proceedings continued with Dutch, English, and African songs and music by members and associates. The president of the WFWP of Suriname, Mrs. Suzanne Claveau Ferreira, called attention to the importance of the family federation for world peace. Mrs. Ferreira emphasized the responsibility of the woman in the home—how she should educate the children by example to a high moral standard and a disciplined life. She explained the activities of WFWP in Asia, and stressed the stability of the

family centered upon husband-wife-child unity as a condition for creating a better world.

Well received

The event was covered in the best newspaper and a few members were interviewed on the radio station. Our neighboring country (Guyana) video-taped the proceedings and a tape was sent to True Parents. The video of WFWP in America, the part about Mother's life, was shown to our audience. One pastor spoke at the end; he spoke about working on the good points and going beyond our religion for peace and unity with each other. Everyone who was interested, was asked to sign their name, address, and telephone number and give it to the door assistance—sixty-five persons signed.

After December 17, three meetings were held, where we discussed the vari-

ous projects we can and would like to do for the nation. Honoring the request of the head teacher of one school, the next meeting focused on aids' education and the Free Teen's videotape was shown. Many questions were asked about jealousy, hatred, and other feelings. To answer these questions Mrs. Ferreria explained, in brief, the fall of man and will continue that explanation at the next meeting. Our plans are to educate the women with Divine Principle. Plans are being made for a public prayer for the nation on March 20.

My personal view is that through the federation women will realize the potential of their role as spouse, mother, and educator. We are very happy about the positive outcome of the conference and the follow-up meetings. We would like to follow Father's suggestion and support Mother through the federation's activities. ■

Marilyn Mckenzie is national secretary of WFWP in Suriname.



WFWP organizers glow after the successful inaugural conference in Suriname.

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The Very Heart of America

by Teri Lester

Kansas City

Teri joined the Unification Church in 1973 in her hometown of Kansas City, the year of Father's Twenty-One-City Tour. She returned there last year after her husband's UTS graduation, to be settled in just in time for the tour of 1993 that True Parents plan for America, which includes Kansas on the itinerary.

LAST SUMMER, the Lester family moved from New York to my hometown of Kansas City (Graham is from England). Graham had just graduated from the Unification Theological Seminary, so he first went to Latvia to help with the forty-day International Leadership Seminars there, and arrived in Kansas City in August.

The children, Yohan (now four) and Mihan (now two) and myself took two weeks to drive across the country and visit friends along the way. We stayed with our cousin and church families. It wasn't quite a covered wagon, but we did remember the pioneers!

Our family history

Graham joined the church in London, England in 1979, at the age of eighteen. He spent several years on Mobile Fundraising Teams, and came to America in 1983 to join the International One World Crusade. In 1988 he received a bachelor's degree from the Regents College, entered the Unification Theological Seminary in January 1990, and received a Master's degree in Religious Education in June 1992.

I joined the church in Kansas City in 1973 as a high school student. When I graduated in 1976, I went to New York to join the Go-World Brass Band, and continued to work with the Performing Arts Department until 1991. I graduated from Hunter College in 1988 with a degree in Music Education.

In 1982, Graham and I were blessed in Korea. At twenty-one and twenty-three years of age, we were one of the youngest Western couples at the blessing. Our son, Yohan, was born in New Jersey in December 1988, and our daughter Mihan was born in Newburgh, New York in July 1991, while Graham was a student at the seminary.

On the way from New York to Kansas City (in Toledo on the fourth of July, to be exact) we found out that I was expecting

our third child. I got a temporary job as an accountant for a mail-order muffin company while Graham looked for a permanent position.

Four generations together

We stayed with my mother for several months. She has a small apartment, but a big heart. It was crowded, but in a way all that togetherness helped to make up for sixteen years of being apart. She has been overjoyed to have her grandchildren around, and her support while I was pregnant was absolutely invaluable.

My grandmother lives in a nursing home in Warrensburg, a university town about fifty miles east of Kansas City. She and my grandfather lived in Warrensburg for over forty years; they had been married fifty-six years when he died in 1987. My grandfather was a professor at Central Missouri State University, and many of their friends, colleagues and students still visit her. In all the years that I was

away from home, one of my deepest hopes was that my children would be able to get to know her before she went to spirit world.

When I first came in July with the children, I arranged with my mother to meet at my grandmother's. Since she is the eldest member of our family, I felt it was important to come to her first. We had a wonderful reunion! My grandmother is very reserved, and keeps her feelings very deeply hidden; when she says, "It's wonderful to see you," it's like anyone else singing and dancing with joy and warbling to the heavens! When she was presented with her "prodigal" granddaughter, two boisterous great-grandchildren and the news of another on the way, she could barely speak!

Over the next several months we visited her often. She was always so happy when we came, and it gave her tremendous pleasure to see the great-grandchildren.



Teri writes, "Now we get ready for True Parents' visit, the best time for Kansas since 1973." Left to right: Graham, Mihan, Teri, Yohan and Grandma Marilyn Giltner.

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Front (l.-r.): Bob and Trisha Giltner, Phillip Jolosky, Karen Jolosky holding Jason Lester (born February 22, 1993). Back (l.-r.): Great-Grandma Brown, Yohan Lester, Grandma Giltner, Bob Jolosky holding Leah Jolosky and Mihan Lester.

Her ninetieth birthday was coming in January 1993, so I started planning to give her what I hoped would be the best birthday ever. She tends to get a bit melancholy at times (she is Irish, after all) and occasionally would say that she wasn't looking forward to getting so old.

Including Grandpa, too

At her age, she really isn't interested in material gifts. I tried to think of what would really make her happy, and got a wonderful inspiration.

When Grandpa died, Grandma established a memorial fund at the local library. My brother and sister and I agreed to each donate \$30 to the fund (a total of \$90); then my mother decided she would match that, and give \$90 as well. Our birthday gifts were cards with the checks for the memorial fund. I wrote in my card that this was the best way that I could think of to include Grandpa in her birthday.

My grandfather used to give her yellow roses. The florist was out of them, so I got a corsage of yellow carnations. I started getting that little tingly feeling when I found a birthday cake with yellow roses on top!

Grandma, who never lets her feelings show, started to cry when she saw everything. Later she said to me, "I want to make sure I tell you this before you go. I wasn't looking forward to turning ninety, and I really thought that I wouldn't enjoy this. But having you all remember Grandpa like this made me feel like he was here, too. I'm just so happy. This has been the

best day!" I was pretty happy too. I felt that I had been able to make up for my years of absence and close the gap.

The icing on the cake was back at my mom's. She said, "You know, I never would have thought of getting flowers or a special cake, but somehow you always think of those little things that mean so much." I felt that I had been able to return with treasure—the best treasure of all, true love.

Kansas City history

In 1973, Father came to Kansas City on the Day of Hope Tour, and declared that Kansas City is "the very Heart of America." Kansas City is unique in America, in that it is one continuous metropolitan area that falls equally into two states, Kansas and Missouri. There is no geographical boundary between the two states. The Missouri River was used as the border between northern Missouri and Kansas, and the rest of the boundary was created by surveyors who just dropped a straight line south from the bend. The people were already there.

The only division between Kansas and Missouri for the most part is a road, called State Line Road. It's not even a major street for much of its length. You can go back and forth between Kansas and Missouri all day without really paying attention, and the only thing you might notice is sometimes the street signs are a different style. Only the major highways have signs saying "Welcome to Missouri" or "Welcome to Kansas." Going from one state to the other is

about as meaningful as going from one zip code to another.

Socially and culturally, Kansas City and all the connected towns and suburbs are one entity. Most of the time they only notice which state they live in when they vote or pay their taxes. The differences between the states usually only matter politically.

As Unificationists we also have a structure based on a state organization. Kansas and Missouri are under different state leaders, and are also in different regions, so we get to work with two different regional leaders. This is a really great opportunity to be able to unite and work together with a great variety of brothers and sisters.

There have been Unification members here in Kansas City since the 1960's. Father came in 1965 and blessed our holy ground in the City Park, and he came again in 1973 for the Day of Hope Twenty-One-City Tour. Over the years more than fifty members joined here. However, most of those people were travelers now going to their diverse hometowns.

There are only about five members from Kansas City who joined in Kansas City. I have heard about people who grew up in Kansas City and joined in other places, but I have never actually met any of them. (For some reason, Graham runs into them all the time—

It was crowded, but in a way all that togetherness helped to make up for sixteen years of being apart.

he's always coming home and saying, "Oh, I met so-and-so from Kansas City—she joined in Oakland. Do you know her?") If you're out there, come home! It's a big city—we need all the help we can get, especially now.

James, Juan and Lay Choo

One brother, James Hammond Robinson returned to Kansas City a few months ago. James came to Kansas City after spending almost twenty years with first *The News World/New York Tribune* and then with *The World & I*. He is very active in outer space related projects and community service in difficult neighborhoods. The best thing is just having him back home as part of our Kansas City family. (His mother thinks so, too.)

Juan Acosta and his wife Lay Choo have been working in Kansas City for several years as the city leaders. They have a beautiful daughter named Araciria, who is the same age as Mihan. They have made a substantial foundation with ministers here, and have made us feel very welcome.

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UC Center and new baby

The church center is near downtown Kansas City, and has a separate apartment on the top floor. When we first came to Kansas City, the apartment was being rented, but in the fall the tenants suddenly moved out. Shortly after that, Graham found a job downtown, so the week before Christmas, we moved into the apartment. We spent the first part of the year settling in. On February 22, we had our third child, a healthy boy that we named Jason (see photo p. 38).

The doctor on call that night didn't

know me, and didn't quite seem to understand that this was my third baby. He didn't want me to come to the hospital too soon. We did make it to the hospital, but Jason started to come as I walked (waddled) in the door of the emergency room. Graham ran for help, and I was lifted on a stretcher for the trip to the delivery room. Jason was born in the elevator on the way up, to the delight of the nurses with us. (I hope that means that he will always "go up" in life.)

This is a story with no end. We will be here for the foreseeable future, and I hope that soon we will have more news about our accomplishments in proclaiming True Parents' Messiahship, bringing twelve couples to the blessing, and just generally saving the world. We are taking the first steps now—getting here, connecting with the church and physical family, connecting with other native members returning here, getting set up financially and having our first hometown blessed child. Now we get ready for True Parents' visit, the best time for Kansas since 1973; and we are here to help prepare, welcome them, and witness this event. Be good, be happy, and come see us! ■■■

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Letter from the Publisher

we can find examples so we should become exemplary models in God's providence. True Parents set up the tradition for us after receiving the blessing. That is, for three years basically the husband and wife have to be mobilized for witnessing and living a sacrificial way. This is our tradition for beginning life after the blessing. We have to witness every month to bring one spiritual child, hence in three years a total of thirty-six members. This is our basic minimum responsibility now.

True Parents will look at the result of the effort in the CIS and suggest plans for the missionaries after they complete six months there—whether they may return to their mission country, stay in the CIS, or completely return to their hometown. Wives are basically to work centering on Women's Federation for World Peace activities. Please work in your own nation. This is set up by Father, so please try to understand this age and let us bring success in our tribal messiah mission through our serious attendance to True Parents.

God Bless You. ■■■

REYNALDO R. RIVERA first recited My Pledge on July 1, 1982, when he joined as a student from Araullo University. He passed to the spirit world January 5, 1993, of a vehicular accident while on mission.

Brother Rey had different missions while he was a center member and lecturer. He is one of the few Filipino members who could give lectures in Llocano, one of the native languages in the Philippines spoken by about forty percent of the population. Before the accident, he was assigned to a farm owned by the Philippine Unification Church family called Joseph's Farm. He was responsible for the improvement on the farm and harvesting good crops as well as witnessing to the community around the area.

On August 25, 1993, he was blessed to Yoshiko Kuwabara from Japan. Brother Rey is the first Filipino blessed member to go through the *Seung Hwa* ceremony. Missionary Ki Young Kim officiated at his *Seung Hwa* ceremony together with Mrs. Navalta, the wife of the Philippine Unification Church national leader.

He is a faithful son of Heavenly Father and True Parents. He was already suffering from a physical illness, but that did not stop him from working hard for the providence. Before the accident, he received a T-shirt from his wife printed with "Come Back to Eden" and a copy of My Pledge, number three: *"As a true son, I will follow our Father's pattern and charge bravely forward into the enemy camp, until I have judged them completely with the weapons with which He has been defeating the enemy Satan for me throughout the course of history by sowing sweat for earth, tears for man and blood for heaven, as a servant but with a father's heart, in order to restore His children and the universe, lost to Satan. This I pledge."* He was so inspired when wearing the T-shirt.

The whole Unification Church family in the Philippines remembers him as one of the early members who offered memorable and worthy sacrifices for the Philippine family. ■■■

IN MEMORIAM



Reynaldo R. Rivera
1961-1993

by Cielo Ines Bayawa

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There is one area I have not yet attended to. There are sections of the world where millions of people are starving. Who is going to take responsibility for that? Will America do it? America says no. What about other advanced nations? The basic concept is that we should treat people as brothers and sisters, because that is what God expects us to do.

To be called True Parents is fearful, because I have to extend my hands to the starving people. Until I was thirty, there was never a day in my life when I was not hungry. If your stomach is full, you cannot lead a religious life. To be hungry is one of the most unbearable experiences; yet we challenge it, saying, "I will love God more than I care about my own hunger." The three greatest challenges for an individual to overcome are hunger, sleep, and sexual temptations. These are Satan's three greatest weapons.

I always ate only two meals a day during my school years. It would be a holy undertaking if all Unification Church members fasted one meal a day in order to save the twenty million starving people.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

March 23, 1993