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The Origin of Absolute Faith, Absolute Love, and Absolute Obedience

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I would like to recite a passage from Father's speech: "When the cosmos was created, all existence was created out of God's absolute faith. God educated and nurtured His children with absolute love. Absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience are not a standard in relation to True Parents. They are the duty of all creatures in the ideal of creation, and their origin is no other than God's heart of creation" This is a passage from a speech given on the Day of True All Things. The topic of today's sermon is the "Origin of Absolute Faith, Absolute Love, and Absolute Obedience."

While staying in South America, True Parents toiled, persevered and accomplished difficult tasks in an unprepared environment. They are continually walking the path of sacrifice. During their visit to four nations in the middle of May, they met with presidents and are pursuing the substantial path centering on the overall South American providence.

The standard of absoluteness

The passage I read in the beginning was from the speech Father gave on this True Day of All Things. You know that Father has been speaking much about absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience this year, through listening and reading his speeches.

We should always keep in mind absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience in our life of faith. Absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience are the basic conditions for us to inherit the victorious realm of True Parents and to bring about the settlement of True Parents in our lives as we welcome the Completed Testament Age and start the second forty-year course.

The passage I read stated that God created out of

absolute faith. That means there is not one thing which is not created out of God's absolute faith. God created perfect and complete beings with absolute, 100 percent conviction and absolute faith; He never created with eighty-percent effort, and He is never satisfied with ninety percent perfection.

The levels and the values of all creatures, from the lowest form of existence until human beings, may appear different; however, when God created every life and existence, God poured out 100 percent effort and created all beings in existence to be 100 percent perfect.

Moreover, think how perfectly God must have invested Himself as He formulated the idea and planned for 100 percent manifestation of perfection!

For this reason, God created with absolute faith. Furthermore, with a parental heart of absolute love, He focused on educating His children, Adam and Eve.

In my opinion, because human beings had not reached perfection or completion during the growing process, Adam and Eve were not yet objects who could perfectly receive God's love. Although Adam and Eve were not yet in the position to receive it, God related to them according to the standard of absolute faith. For this reason, God's heart toward Adam and Eve during the growth period went through the process of absolute sacrifice, love, nurture, and guidance, giving His flesh and blood.

How many days and nights would an artist toil and invest in thinking and perfecting an artistic masterpiece? However, even the world's best artistic creation cannot be compared to the standard with which God invested Himself in creating Adam and Eve. God nurtured, loved, and educated Adam with absolute

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View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation Founder's Address

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DISTINGUISHED guests, ladies and gentlemen, today I sincerely thank God that you and I can meet as we face this era of great historical change. God is the absolute One, the only, unchanging and eternal One. His will is the same. If the human beings Adam and Eve had become one body under the love of God, everything would have been complete and perfect. God's origin, purpose and process of creation, as well as cause, effect and direction, are all absolute.

The human ancestors Adam and Eve entered into chaos after they fell through their ignorance. This ignorance and chaos expanded from the individual level to the levels of family, nation and world. It has been the task of religion and the provi-

dence of salvation to liberate us from this sphere of the fall.

In the last days, the Messiah comes and teaches clearly the absolute, the only, unchanging, and eternal cause, direction, and effect, from God's viewpoint. He will cleanse the world of ignorance and chaos and return it to the original bosom of God. This is the completion of the will of God.

If this does not happen, then in the last days all religions, "isms," systems of thought, and nations will pass away. Now humankind is facing the 21st century, entering the new historical era of the third millennium in just a few years. At this important moment, I would like to deliver this speech on the "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation," so that we can resolve to prepare ourselves for the new era.

Human beings were created as the greatest object of God's love. They alone in all creation embody the nature of God. They are born the visible bodies of the invisible God.



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To bring about completion and perfection between God and humankind, centering on true love, God required that man accomplish a condition of responsibility in order to reach unity with Him. Therefore, God needed to give the commandment to the first ancestors. In other words, God knew that they were in the growth period, on the way to reaching perfection, so He established the commandment as the condition for His children to inherit the most precious thing, true love.

Originally, true love was to be gained through life experience and understood through internal realization. True love is not something that can be learned through words, a written text, or schooling. It is experienced completely only in life. Created as newborn infants, Adam and Eve were to grow and perfect themselves gradually through experiences of the heart of true children, true brother and sister, true husband and wife, and true parents encompassing their whole lives. Only after experiencing the true love of God in its entirety can one perfect the purpose of creation and become an ideal human being.

Every person desires that his object of love be ten million times more valuable than himself, or even infinitely more valuable. In the same way, God desires that humankind, His object of love, become infinitely valuable. If a human being perfects himself, then that person obtains God-like value by attaining God's divinity and perfection.

GOD'S IDEAL OF TRUE LOVE

God is absolute, but His ideal of true love cannot be realized by Himself. That is because love always requires an object—a beloved. At this point, we should understand the relationship between God's true love and humankind's true love, and how they begin and are perfected. What would have happened if God had not chosen human beings as His absolute objects of true love, and instead had sought to begin and perfect true love in some other way? In that case, God and man would have

pursued the ideal of true love with different motivations, directions, and purposes. God would have had to achieve His ideal of love through an object higher than humankind; and by the same token, humankind's ideal of love would have had no direct relationship with God.

But God as the subject of true love did establish humankind as the object of His true love. Accordingly, God can fulfill His ideal of true love only through humankind. The fulfillment of God's purpose of creation is the ideal world where God and humankind are united through absolute love. Human beings were created as the greatest object of God's love. They alone in all creation embody the nature of God. They are born the visible bodies of the invisible God. If a person perfects himself, he becomes the temple of God, a visible, substantial body in which God can freely and peace-

fully dwell.

God's overall ideal of absolute true love is realized and perfected through humankind in a vertical parent-child relationship. God created Adam first. He was to be the son of God and at the same time the substantial body of God Himself. Later, God created Eve as the object of Adam so that Adam and Eve could perfect the ideal of horizontal love, which is conjugal love. Eve was to be the daughter of God, and also, as a bride she was to perfect substantially the ideal of the horizontal love of God.

The place in which Adam and Eve are perfected, consummating their first love by marrying under the blessing of God, is precisely the place where God meets His substantial bride. This is because God's ideal of absolute love descends vertically and joins where the ideal of conjugal love between Adam and Eve is realized horizontally. The true love of God and the true love of humankind join and perfect themselves at the same point, although they came from different directions, one vertical and the other horizontal.

WHY GOD NEEDS HUMANKIND

God's act of creation was inevitable. And we cannot imagine creation without a purpose. There was only one reason God needed the creation: to realize the ideal of true love. God developed life from the simplest and lowest levels up to the human level in pairs, subject and object and positive and negative, to form reciprocal relationships under the ideal of love. The creation's ideal of love and God's ideal of ultimate love are not separate or different. This principle of creation is at work to perfect the absolute love of God through the perfection of the love of man and woman in the human world. This is the reason why in the beginning God created one man and one woman, Adam and Eve.

God's purpose of creation called for Adam and Eve to obey

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the commandment of God, who is the subject of true love, and perfect themselves as true man and true woman. Furthermore, they were to become a true couple united in the true love of God. Then, by having sons and daughters through that true love, they would have become True Parents and lived in happiness. Had Adam and Eve perfected themselves in true love, they would have fulfilled God's desire to wear a substantial body. And when they perfected themselves as a true couple, the ideal of God's absolute love would have been fulfilled.

By Adam and Eve having children of goodness and becoming True Parents, God would have established Himself substantially as the eternal Parent and achieved His ideal: citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven would expand infinitely in the afterlife of the spirit world based on myriad generations of descendants in the physical world.

But Adam and Eve, the human ancestors, fell away from God. When they were expelled from Eden, they had not yet had children. Having driven them out, God had no basis to follow behind them to bless their marriage. The entire human race has thus descended from our failed ancestors. Humanity has multiplied without any direct relationship whatsoever to the love of God.

Ladies and gentlemen, could the fall of man have been the result of eating the fruit of a tree? The fall of Adam and Eve was an immoral sin against the ideal of the true love of God. The fact that Adam and Eve needed to obey the commandment shows that they fell in a stage of imperfection, that is to say, during their period of growth. The Archangel, who is symbolized by a serpent, tempted Eve to eat of the fruit of good and evil, and she fell spiritually. She later tempted Adam (who was also too immature to eat of the fruit), and they then fell physically.

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOVE

The only possible sin that could have been fatal in the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve were in communication with

God and living in joy, was the sin of illicit love. The first consummated love of the human ancestors, because it was supposed to have been the perfection of the love of God Himself, should have marked the beginning of a celebration that would continue throughout history, filled with the never-ending intoxication of joy and blessing for God, Adam and Eve, and the universe. It should have been a joyous occasion in which the love, life, and lineage of God would have been established within humankind. To the contrary, however, Adam and Eve covered their lower parts and hid themselves among the trees, trembling in fear. By disobeying heavenly law, they established an immoral relationship as the basis for false love, false life, and false lineage. As descendants of Adam and Eve, all human beings are born with original sin. The fall gave rise to conflict of mind and body within every person and caused our societies to be filled with tainted love, and people do things that contradict the desire of their original minds.

According to the ideal of love, all love relationships in the animal and plant kingdoms are for reproduction only. Human beings are the sole exception. Humankind enjoys freedom in the conjugal relationship of love. This is humanity's special privilege as the lord of all creation. God gave the blessing and infinite joy of love to His sons and daughters. However, the true freedom that God allowed requires human responsibility. If an individual were to insist upon and practice freedom of love without responsibility, how much confusion and destruction would take place! Achieving the highest ideal of human love is possible only when one takes responsibility for love.

We can think of this responsibility in three ways. The first responsibility is for one to become the master of true love, truly free and thanking God for the freedom of love and knowing how to cultivate and control oneself. This responsibility for a love relationship should not be taken merely because of law or social convention. Instead, a person should establish responsibility through his own self-control and self-determination within the life-committing vertical relationship with God.

Second is one's responsibility toward the object of love. By nature, people do not want their spouse's love to be shared with others. Horizontal conjugal love, which differs from the vertical love between parents and children, loses its potential for perfection the moment it is divided. This is because the principle of creation requires husband and wife to become one in absolute love. Each spouse has the responsibility given by love to live absolutely for the sake of the other.

The third responsibility of love is toward children. The love of parents is the basis for children's pride and happiness. They would wish to be born through the total and harmonious unity of their parents in true love, and they would wish to be raised in that kind of love. The most precious responsibility of parents is not only to rear their children



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True Family at the Inaugural Banquet. Left to right: Hyun Jin Nim, Father, Mother, In Jin Nim.

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externally, but also to offer them life elements of true love that can perfect their spirituality. This is why the family is so valuable. The daily experience of the heart of true children, true brothers and sisters, true spouses, and True Parents cannot be acquired in any place other than the True Family.

If Adam and Eve had become a couple of true love centered upon God, God could have dwelt in Adam as His substantial body and thus loved Eve. What is more, Adam and Eve could have become True Parents who substantially embodied God, and become the origin of the love of goodness, a life of goodness, and a lineage of goodness.

Due to the fall, however, Adam and Eve became the substantial body of Satan and ended up becoming the original evil couple, evil parents, and evil ancestors. Their union became the root of evil love, evil life, and evil blood lineage. Because human beings originated from this root, they descended from the adulterous Satan, who is the enemy of God, and inherited this lineage of evil parents.

Ladies and gentlemen, how great must have been the pain of God when, by the fall, our human ancestors destroyed His ideal of true love! Humankind should have been the sons and daughters of God, but they do not know God Himself as their original Parent. Yet even though His sons and daughters serve Satan, God has worked for the providence of salvation. Because He is an absolute being, and His ideal of creation is also absolute, He has carried out the providence of salvation even amid great sadness. God's providence of salvation is the providence of restoration, which means to recover the lost purpose of creation, centered on true love. The providence of salvation is also the providence of re-creation.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Based on this point, the root of the providence of salvation is the recreation of the seed of the original child, the human being

who will fulfill the ideal of creation. That which God abhors—the life and blood lineage that began with the false love of the adulterer Satan—must be cleansed. The essence of the providence is the task of setting up the birth of the True Parent, the Savior united with the true love, life, and lineage of God.

Since the ancestors of humankind failed to fulfill their responsibility, inherited the immoral lineage of Satan, and came under the dominion of Satan, God Himself could not directly intervene and return human beings to their original position. Furthermore, God can neither unconditionally accept humankind, who chose to go to the side of the evil Archangel, nor punish them. So God uses the strategy of placing a central figure on the side of the good Archangel; by being struck first, that figure establishes the indemnity condition to recover what was lost. Satan strikes first but as a result must take the losing position. The First, Second, and Third (Cold War) World Wars are good examples of this. The side that struck first, lost.

From the overall perspective of the providence of restoration, the foundation of cooperation between mother and son is very important. This was so at the time of Jacob, Moses, and Jesus. God was working His providence to separate people from satanic life and lineage by establishing the foundation of cooperation between a mother—who had to fulfill the responsibility of Eve, the originator of the fall—and the second son of the family.

God cannot directly relate to the first son, because he is in the position of having a direct blood relationship with Satan, who through the fall was the first to dominate humankind. God has been restoring the blood lineage of goodness by having the second son, who represents the side of goodness, establish a condition. Then God has had the first son, representing the side of evil, take a position subordinate to the second son.

In the family of Adam, God carried out the providence of establishing the second son, Abel, and having him subordinate the first son, Cain. Even though Eve had fallen, as a mother she

could have made an effort to create unity between the two brothers. In the end, however, Cain murdered Abel, (Genesis 4:8) and the providence of salvation, not being fulfilled, was prolonged.

There was also a required formula of cooperation between mother and son at the time of Noah. But that formula of meaningful cooperation was not realized until the time of Rebekah and Jacob.

The human fall was committed by three beings: Adam, Eve, and the Archangel. The Archangel seduced Eve, causing the spiritual fall, and later fallen Eve seduced Adam, causing the physical fall. As a result, they turned their backs on God, and



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the fallen Archangel became Satan. Since the providence of salvation is the providence of restoration, the principle of restoration can be carried out only by going in a direction 180 degrees opposite of the fall.

God lost Adam, who had the seed of true love and true life. So God had to find a son with the new seed free from satanic accusation. Just as God created Adam first at the time of the creation, God must prepare a son first who has no relationship to the fall, according to the providence of restoration, which is the providence of recreation. This is the basis for the idea of the coming of the Messiah. The Messiah rejects the sinful lives of those with a fallen lineage under the dominion of Satan. He comes as a true person who engrafts fallen humanity into the seed of new life. The Messiah has his roots in God, and comes as the second Adam, who wipes away all that was committed by the first Adam. This is the reason God cannot send a superman Messiah who will work only through miracles.

For a son to be born on earth with this seed of God's love and life, there first must exist a mother. And the mother cannot give birth to this child in a conventional way. Conception must happen through the formula of restoration. All the cooperation between mothers and sons in the providence of restoration is a preparation and a condition for the Son of God to be born with the seed of new life, free from satanic accusation. By making conditions to avoid Satan's attacks, and by subordinating the firstborn son who represents evil, mother and son restore the love, life, and lineage that were taken over by Satan.

THE MEANING OF JACOB'S VICTORY

The Bible, which records the providential work of God, contains many stories that are difficult to understand. For example, Rebekah deceived her husband Isaac and her first son Esau, and helped her second son Jacob receive the blessing. (Genesis 27) God took the side of that mother and son, and although they used methods that at first glance seem unjust, God still blessed them for their actions.

In Adam's family, Cain and Abel fought outside the womb. Their struggle resulted in the death of Abel, the second son.

Then came Jacob. On the merit of many godly people who paid indemnity and sacrificed after the time of Abel, Jacob at last caught up to the level at which Satan first dominated humankind. Then Jacob dealt with his twin brother, Esau. At the ford of Jabbok, Jacob set up the condition of spiritual victory over the angel. (Genesis 32:28) And through winning over Esau, (Genesis 33) who was in the position of the substantial body of the Archangel, Jacob consequently was blessed as the first victor in history, and was given the name "Israel." But by then he was already in his fortieth year.

Satan sowed the seed of false love within the womb of Eve, which gave birth to evil life. Therefore, God needed to purify a mother's womb from which the heavenly son could be born. That purification period of separation from Satan had to begin at the time of conception and continue to age forty, so even though Jacob was victorious

he did not meet that criteria. The great mother who assumed the responsibility to meet this condition was Tamar.

TAMAR'S PROVIDENTIAL ROLE

Tamar had married Er, the eldest son of Judah. (Genesis 38) But Er displeased God and he died. According to the custom of that time, Judah gave Tamar his second son, Onan, that they might bear a child for Er. But Onan, knowing that Tamar's child would not be his own, spilled his semen on the ground. This was a sin in the eyes of God, for which Onan died.

Then Tamar wanted Shelah, the third son of Judah, for a husband, but Judah did not give him to her. Judah thought that his two sons had died because of Tamar, so he was afraid that Shelah would die and end the family lineage.

But Tamar had the conviction that she was to carry on the lineage of the chosen people. To do that, she disguised herself as a prostitute and slept with her father-in-law, Judah, and became pregnant with twins. At the time of birth, one of the twin sons, Zerah, stretched out his hand from the womb to be born first. But he was pulled back into the womb, and the second son, Perez, was born first, taking the position of the elder brother. Thus, within the womb of Tamar, the first and second sons fought, and their reversal of position separated them from Satan. That became the condition for restoration in the womb. Upon this condition, the Messiah could be conceived within the blood lineage of the chosen people, on the base of the nation of Israel that could stand up to the Roman Empire 2,000 years later. The victorious foundation on the national level could then be formed in the womb of a mother free of satanic accusation, prepared for the seed of the Son of God. On this foundation, the Holy Mother Mary emerged in the mainstream of God's providence.

MARY RECEIVES GOD'S WILL

Mary, when she was engaged to Joseph, received from the Archangel Gabriel the surprising message that the Messiah would be born through her. (Luke 1:31)

In those days, if an unmarried woman became pregnant, she would be killed. But Mary accepted the will of God with absolute faith, saying, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Mary consulted with



Shin Sun Nim attends the Inaugural Banquet, watching her mother, In Jin Nim, translate for Father.

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the priest Zachariah, who was her relative and was highly respected. Zachariah's wife Elizabeth, with the help of God, was pregnant with John the Baptist. She said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43) With these words she testified to the coming birth of Jesus.

In this way, God let Mary, Zachariah, and Elizabeth know about the birth of the Messiah before anybody else. All of them had the absolutely crucial mission of following the will of God and serving Jesus. Zachariah's family let Mary stay in their house. Jesus was conceived in the house of Zachariah.

Elizabeth and Mary were cousins on their mothers' side. But according to God's providence, they were considered sisters, with Elizabeth as the elder (Cain) and Mary as the younger (Abel). Mary received Elizabeth's help in the presence of Zachariah. Through this cooperation, Zachariah's family, on the national level, indemnified the lack of unity between mother and son with Leah and Rachel in Jacob's family. (Genesis 29-30) This allowed Jesus to be conceived. For the first time in history, there could be born on earth, free of satanic accusation and through a prepared womb, the seed of the Son of God—the seed of the True Father. In this way, the only begotten Son of God, the owner of the first love of God, was born for the first time in history.

Mary had to achieve something that could not be understood by commonsense, nor easily tolerated under the law of those times. Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachariah had been spiritually moved. They followed the revelation that came from God, and unconditionally believed that it was the will and desire of God.

Although the Son of God could be born on earth, he needed a wall of protection to grow up safely in the satanic world and fulfill the will of God. God had hoped that these three people in the family of Zachariah would establish that protective foundation. There are many points to consider with regard to how seriously the three had to dedicate themselves to protecting and serving the Son of God, and how long they should have been united with each other.

In the Bible it is recorded, "And Mary remained with her [Elizabeth] about three months, and returned to her home." (Luke 1:56) After that, there is no biblical record of any further communication between Mary and Elizabeth and Zachariah. From the time Mary left Zachariah's house, difficulties began for Mary and Jesus. The family of Zachariah should have been the wall of protection for Jesus until the very end.

A short time later, Joseph discovered that Mary was pregnant. How great must have been his shock at that moment! Mary, his beloved fiancée, without having had any relationship with him, had become pregnant after a three-month stay in another place. It was natural for Joseph to question Mary about who the baby in her womb belonged to. What would have happened if at that time Mary had explained everything candidly? If she had exposed everything, it could have been the end of a clan. So Mary simply responded that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

Mary's pregnancy began to show, and the people of the

surrounding area became aware of it. What would have happened if Joseph had declared that he did not know anything about it? But Joseph was a righteous man. He believed in the revelation of God and defended Mary, saying the pregnancy was his responsibility. Mary may have been ridiculed for becoming pregnant during her engagement, but she had avoided death by stoning.

Joseph, who loved Mary, protected her this way in the beginning. However, there was a great deal of anguish deep in his heart. Once Jesus was born, Joseph's suspicions about the father of Jesus only increased and his heart ached. As Jesus grew older, the two became more and more distant in heart. And because of this, family problems frequently arose. Jesus was viewed as an illegitimate son, and lacking the protection of Zachariah's family and the love of Joseph, he grew up with an indescribable loneliness in his heart.

NO BRIDE FOR JESUS

Jesus was aware of his path as the Messiah, and he lamented by himself these lonely circumstances and the serious obstacle they presented to fulfilling the will of God. The Messiah is the True Parent. And to fulfill that mission he needed to receive his substantial bride. Jesus had to reverse, at the very root, the false love by which the Archangel had caused the fall of Eve, who was growing up as the sister of Adam. Consequently, Jesus, in the place of Adam as the Son of God, should have received as his bride the younger sister of someone in an archangelic position. That bride was to have been none other than Zachariah's daughter, the younger sister of John the Baptist. To fulfill this in a world where Satan plays the role of owner and lord, Jesus needed a foundation of protection formed by absolute faith. Tragically, the entire foundation ended up collapsing around him.

This would not have happened if Zachariah and Elizabeth, who had received the revelation and spiritual support from God, had maintained absolute faith. If they had fulfilled their responsibility, Mary would have been in contact with them continually, even after her three-month stay at their house. God chose Zachariah's family as the foremost representatives of the entire world, so that even after the birth of Jesus they would protect, serve, and witness to him as the Messiah. They not only should have served Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah with utter devotion, but they should have learned the will of God through Jesus and followed him absolutely. Also, John the Baptist was born to serve Jesus and should have fulfilled his responsibility to guide everyone he led to repentance to believe in Jesus and receive salvation.

But unfortunately, although Zachariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist testified at first to Jesus as the Son of God, there is no evidence that they served him as such. The respected priest Zachariah was simply a spectator. John the Baptist stood separate from Jesus. These circumstances blocked the people from following Jesus and made his path very difficult. And once this family lost faith in Jesus, looking at him through human eyes, there was no room for them to help him receive his bride.

We should also consider the influence that Joseph and Mary's

relationship had on Jesus. Mary had to restore the positions of Eve and Tamar through indemnity, so she should have remained as only the fiancée of Joseph. Providentially, they could not be husband and wife. It was God's desire that they not have sexual relations either before or after Jesus' birth. Joseph still loved Mary after Jesus was born, but Mary should have wanted to separate from Joseph to raise Jesus as the Son of God.

But the real circumstances did not make this easy to do. Even though Mary's original mind told her that she should not do so, she had sexual relations with Joseph. They had children, which was a repetition of Eve's mistake. With this condition, Satan invaded them. With the exception of Jesus, everyone who should have protected Jesus came under the dominion of Satan: his father, his mother, his Abel-type brothers (John the Baptist and his brothers) and his Cain-type brothers (the children of Joseph).

JESUS SEEN THROUGH HUMAN EYES

When someone is invaded by Satan, he loses all spiritual support and inspiration. Trust in God, as well as a sense of gratitude to Him, is lost. One begins to see everything through human eyes. Mary did not help Jesus with the wedding he desired. She even opposed it. This was the direct reason that Jesus could not receive his bride, and could not become the True Parent; and this forced him to go the way of the cross.

Jesus' words to Mary during the wedding at Cana, "Oh woman, what have you to do with me?" (John 2:4), reveal a reproachful heart to a mother who helped in the weddings of others but neglected to help Jesus receive his bride, the most important requirement of the providence. With this perspective, now we can understand why Jesus asked, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" (Matthew 12:48)

Faced with the opposition of Mary, Zachariah, Elizabeth, and finally John the Baptist, Jesus gave up hope for their protection as he sought to fulfill his mission. Therefore, Jesus left his home in search of a new spiritual foundation to restart the providence of salvation.

Now without a family and household, Jesus lamented, "foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head." (Matthew 8:20) With his family-level foundation lost, Jesus sought to replace it. That was his three-year course.

In the end, as people disbelieved and the disciples lost faith, Jesus took Satan's attack. And as his foundation crumbled he went the way of the cross.

Originally, Jesus came to the earth as the Messiah to give blessings to his disciples and all humankind. He was to build the sinless Kingdom of Heaven. But because of the lack of faith in him, he could not receive his bride, he could not become the True Parent, and he could not accomplish his mission. This is why he promised to return.

COMPLETING THE IDEAL OF TRUE PARENTS

The Lord of the Second Advent comes to perfect the foundation of God's providence of restoration left uncompleted by



In Jin Nim translates for Father at the Washington Times Foundation Inaugural Banquet.

Jesus. That is to say, he comes as the seed of the original True Child to complete the ideal of creation. He comes to complete the ideal of True Parents, who are the origin of the true love, true life, and the true lineage of God. He comes on the victorious foundation of the fundamental providence of God's side up to the time of Jesus. He also stands upon the victorious foundation of Jesus' life and finds the bride that Jesus could not find. Together they become the True Parents to save all humankind.

Through the blessing of new marriages that pass on God's original blood lineage, the True Parents will be able to give salvation to all humanity. People will become true persons engrafting into the true love, true life, and true lineage of God. Furthermore, the Messiah will establish a true family, creating the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Thus, it is the international holy weddings that establish this new blood lineage when the Lord of the Second Advent comes in the flesh.

On the level of the great worldwide family, the Lord indemnifies that which was lost in the family of Adam and restores the true elder sonship, true parenthood, and true kingship that should have been perfected in Adam's family. He will transform this world into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth under the dominion of God, opening the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world for registration. Humanity will enter into the era of kingship both spiritually and physically centered on God; and establish a world of victory, freedom, happiness, and unity; and create the heavenly kingdom on earth and in the spirit world, which is God's ideal of creation. This is the view of the principle of the providential history of salvation. I hope that in the future all of you can also receive this joyous new marriage blessing.

Distinguished leaders and honored guests, I would like to express again my deepest appreciation to you for coming here this evening to celebrate the inauguration of the Washington Times Foundation. In particular, I sincerely congratulate those who are being honored as the first recipients of the Washington Times Foundation National Service Award, for making a positive contribution to this society. Thank you very much. ■■

Launching the Women's Federation International Women's Convention in China

Interview with Betsy Jones
by Nancy Makowski

DURING my trip to Korea last year, I was able to attend the Second World Convention for the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) held on August 22, 1995. The theme was "World Peace and the Role of Women." I felt that this conference and our presentations at the NGO Forum in China represented the birth and development of the Women's Federation International.

The convention in Korea was convened by Mrs. No Hi Pak, and delegates from all over the world attended. Mother spoke to the participants, stressing characteristics of the ideal home and the sanctity of marriage. She underscored the point that you cannot share conjugal love with another person (outside of the blessing/marriage) without forfeiting the perfection of love. Mother stressed that by attending True Parents women can become leaders in creating a world of heart-centered women who are to be God's instruments in creating a new world. They will also be able to embrace their husbands and nurture their own children with the heart of True Parents.

Many distinguished ladies were in attendance, including Ms. Maureen Rea-

gan, who gave the keynote address at this conference. Mrs. Joilet, the former president of Haiti, also gave a speech. I met two ladies who are members of parliament from the Oceania region, and they were very moved by the conference as well as by the opportunity they had to view the World Culture and Sports Festival and the international wedding. Many women leaders attended the blessing, and there were a few that even requested to be matched by Rev. Moon.

WFWP-sponsored events in China

When I left for China, I had some information about where Nora Spurgin and the rest of our group were meeting but no details about where they were staying. Before I could find out that information, I had to go to the conference site, get a name tag and be registered. Therefore, I traveled a half hour by taxi to Huarou, where all the NGO hotels were, and registered. I was assigned to a hotel located another half hour away. By evening I was still unsure of finding our group, so I came back into the city and attended the evening meetings. I watched

everyone's faces, looking for someone familiar. I found some people who showed me brochures on what was happening and even invited me to sit at their table and be a part of their conversation, but I was still feeling very uneasy about finding our group.

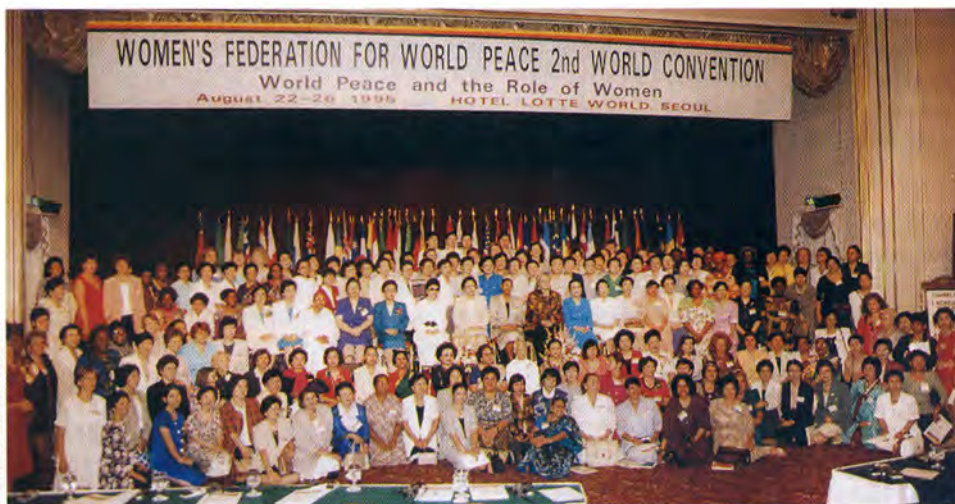
The next morning someone handed me a pamphlet listing the location of the WFWP event. I went directly there and found Mrs. Nora Spurgin, Ms. Maureen Reagan, Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu, Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama and many others, and we joyfully greeted each other.

That morning they had been pamphletting and also putting up beautiful posters called "Celebrate the Family." More and more interest was being expressed in our program: "True Families and the Moral Renaissance." About a half hour before the program began, a large air-conditioned auditorium became available, so we moved the whole group there. At the last minute everything fell into place, so we had seating capacity for approximately 150 people.

More than 25 WFWP leaders came from Korea. Besides the American contingent, there were also delegations from Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines. Probably more than one-half of the audience were members of our Women's Federation International. This was our first event, so it was very exciting.

Many people were interested in the topic and in learning what Maureen Reagan was going to say. Mrs. Eu opened the program and gave some background information about Women's Federation, as did Mrs. Sugiyama. Mrs. Eu really proclaimed True Parents and their role at this time.

Maureen Reagan talked about her trip ten years ago to the Nairobi conference for women in Kenya. She talked about how the world has witnessed the end of apartheid and the long-awaited peace process in the Middle East. The Cold War can no longer be blamed for



Mother (seated center stage) poses with all participants of the Women's Federation for World Peace Second World Convention.

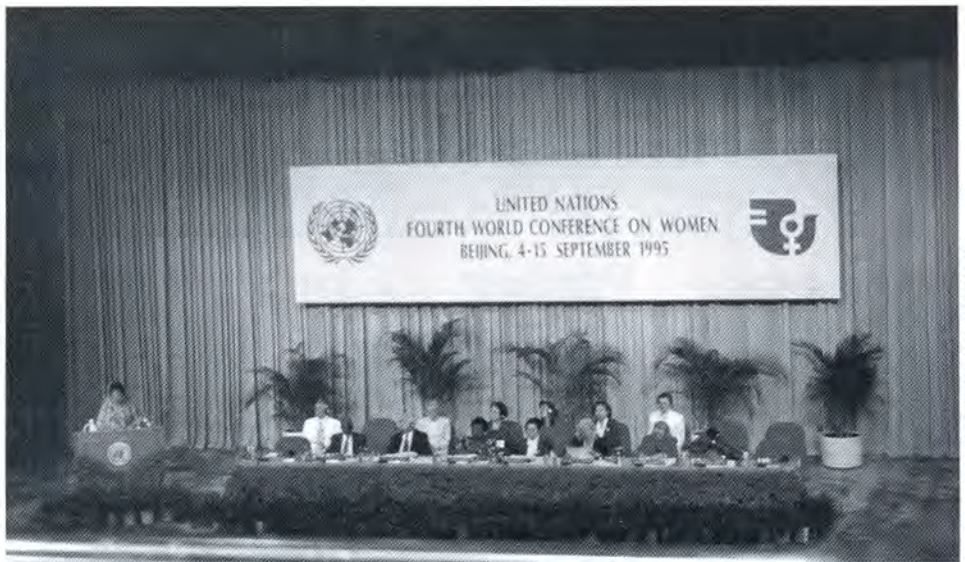
all the injustices, she said, but in too much of the world little girls are the last to be fed, the last to receive medical attention, and the last to be educated. These undernourished and undereducated girls will grow to become tomorrow's mothers. It is a wonder anyone survives when girls and women are denied the essentials of life and their rights as human beings are overlooked.

She talked about her trip to India for a conference on health and hygiene. At the end, an old woman stood up and said, "Where I live, a woman gets a bath three times in her life: the day she is born, the day she marries, and the day she dies. Don't talk to us about clean water. Do something." Ms. Reagan said that no one can claim to value the family if there is no value for the role of women. She said, "A family is the foundation of society, and at its center is the woman. The fulfillment of her dreams is essential to the harmony of the family. Deny her value and there is chaos." She mentioned that she was very proud to be at the NGO Forum: "If I can help untangle the web of the UN process, it will be my privilege. The NGO forums have a very important role."

In the afternoon we had speakers from the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea and Japan. Dr. Joon Lee from addressed the participants describing for them the characteristics of the ideal family, in which parents, children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters, have a sense of solidarity, observe a proper relational order,

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give and receive sacrificial love, and create joy and happiness. She said that a true family is one in which the wife respects her husband as if she is attending God and the husband loves his wife as if he is loving God. This forms the foundation for a family. What a blessing for children to be born in such an environment of true love! She gave many ideas about strategies to inspire young people to a high standard of morality, and she pointed to the international wedding of 360,000 couples and its significance in overcoming barriers of race, nation and even religion. She termed it a milestone in giving birth to true families worldwide. She said that the young people who will be born and educated in these true fami-



The United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China, on September 4-15, 1995, in which the Women's Federation for World Peace, as one of the participating non-governmental organizations, sent delegations from several nations and hosted several events.

lies will lead the world of peace.

In response to reports that it costs \$40 to educate a girl in China, one of the Korean WFPW leaders suggested, "Why don't we have Project Hope help Chinese girls get an education?" They started to collect contributions right there for that purpose. This was something she suggested we could also think about in America.

Later that day we had another room reserved, so we scheduled the whole conference over again. We put more emphasis on discussion in the second

conference. Both events were definitely noticed. In fact, we found out later that some people from Hillary Clinton's delegation were present.

The UN conference in Beijing

The official UN conference in Beijing began midway through the NGO conference. We had observer passes for this, so Mrs. Spurgin, Christine Froelich and I spent one day in Beijing and witnessed over a monitor the beautiful opening ceremony with singing and acrobatic performances. China welcomed the conference with a tremendous display of talents and abilities.

Among the most inspiring of the speeches on the opening day was the one

given by Benazir Bhutto, prime minister of Pakistan. She demonstrated a beautiful example of a woman leader, exhibiting very feminine characteristics mixed with a passionate desire to see change.

Mrs. Bhutto spoke of how touched she was to see women gathering from all continents in search of self-esteem, self-worth, and self-respect. She talked about the practice of female infanticide in pre-Islamic Arabia, quoting a poem and said, "When a man was informed of the birth of a female child, his face would darken and he would be filled with grief. Should he retain it and suffer contempt, or bury it in the dust?" The girls who were not killed still grew up with emotional scars and burdens.

She said that even today girls are often abandoned or aborted. Boys often are wanted, and to please her husband, the wife wants a son. To keep her husband from abandoning her, a woman wants a son. She challenged participants to chart a course so that a climate can be created in which a girl child is as welcomed and valued as much as a boy child. This was one of her major points.

The Pakistani leader talked about her efforts to counter domestic violence. She is working to make it clear to people that domestic violence is a crime and that men can be punished for it. Sometimes a wife is killed by her husband or his relatives so that he can obtain another wife and get another dowry.

She talked about her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, former prime minister of Pakistan who was killed by government opposition saying, "If my father had not educated me and left me with indepen-

dent financial means, I would not be able to be here today or sustain myself." She spoke with authority and expressed her great desire to commit her life to bringing more justice and equality in the world.

Meeting women from all over the world

Back at the NGO conference in Huairou, we attended presentations on all kinds of projects and topics. Attendees could choose from presentations such as the promotion of rights and responsibilities among youth, women's rights as human rights, the Development Coordination Network Committee, the situation of women in Iraq, the Art and Cultural Technology Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, and violence against women in the United States. Presentations were given by so many groups, and every presentation was open to all participants.

I attended several and so did the others. One was on the mothers' centers that were established in Germany after research found that mothers needed a place to go to exchange ideas. In America there are child care centers where parents drop off their children, but in Germany they have over 300 mothers' centers where women gather to exchange ideas and listen to each other. They pay women a small amount to sponsor activities at the center for other women.

On a sightseeing trip to the Great Wall, I met a lady who gave me a pamphlet about the situation in her city in India. During the 1970s there had been several incidents of mass rape, and a women's union was set up to oppose such atrocities. The pamphlet described the current situation and indicated how far the women have come.

Women were celebrating their womanhood, their color, and their beauty. Women came from Africa, India, the Philippines and other parts of the world; they are very family-oriented women, and they were there to represent those values. I felt proud to be part of such a program.

It was touching to realize that some women had come to the conference from all over the world at great cost to themselves to work on these problems. We have to be aware of what the problems are and be concerned about how to support all of these very important efforts.

At one workshop on healing, women were sharing and delighting each other with some special song, story or dance, or relating something they learned at a

conference, as a way of projecting themselves. At another seminar the leader said, "Let's go against the way things are and reverse everything." She wanted to let everyone in the room share, starting with the Chinese women and others from extremely difficult backgrounds, not calling on the American women until last. Some people spoke about how they came from very poor families, and had no education but somehow, by God's grace, someone sent them to this conference. I was very touched.

In America, women's conferences tend to draw participants from just the liberal side, but a lot of women came who really believe in moral values and family values. They were very committed and very dignified.

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At the same time, there were marches.

At one point I saw a group go by for gay rights and I recognized someone from the hospital where I work. Someplace else we saw Professor Henry Thompson from the Unification Theological Seminary and his wife.

Josette Shiner of the *Washington Times* was there with Donna Shalala, US Secretary of Health. Josette wanted to introduce Ms. Shalala to Maureen Reagan and acquaint her with the Women's Federa-

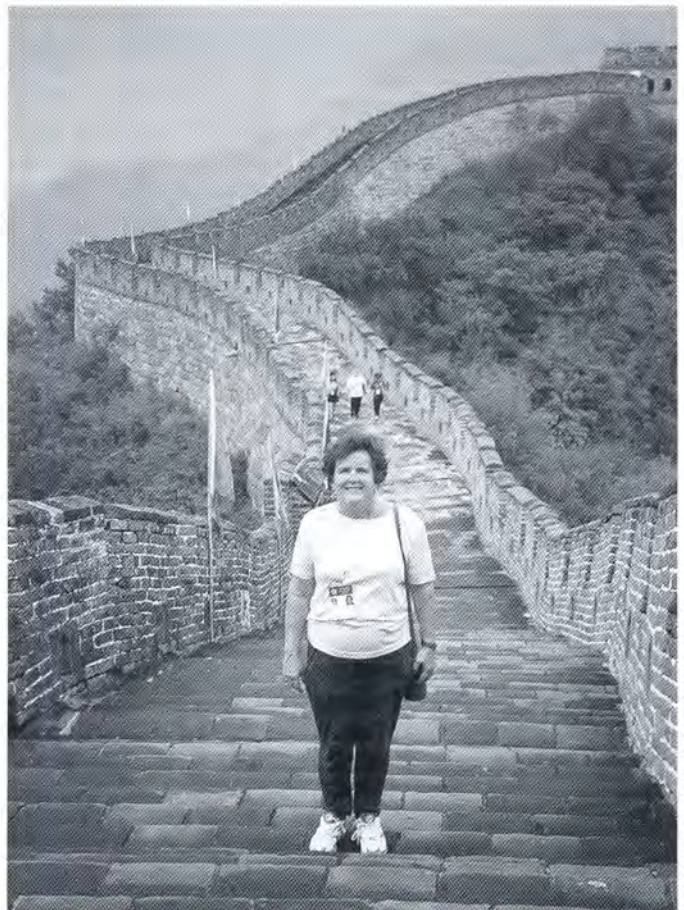


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Betsy Jones, vice-chairwoman of the Woman's Federation for World Peace in the US, poses while sightseeing on the Great Wall of China.

tion. One day Mrs. Shiner and Ms. Shalala arrived at our hotel just as Mrs. Spurgin and I were about to leave; we all went upstairs, and Ms. Shalala asked Ms. Reagan various questions about the Beijing conference. She asked Ms. Reagan what she would say if she were to give Hillary Clinton's speech. Ms. Reagan gave her many ideas.

We could feel Mother's power at the helm of the Women's Federation International. Ours was more of a quiet demonstration and an explanation, but it was definitely noticed.

Hillary Clinton's speech

Mrs. Clinton had given two speeches in Beijing, in which apparently she made some veiled criticisms of the Chinese government, referring to their one-child per family policy and their denial of visas to some would-be participants. Then she traveled out to Huairou to address the NGO Forum. Some of the difficulties surrounding Mrs. Clinton's address in Huairou seemed to be a result of her critical comments in Beijing.

Mrs. Clinton's talk in Huairou was scheduled outdoors in an area that could hold 10,000 people, but because of the

rain they had to hold it in an auditorium for 1,500 people. When I saw the 5,000 people standing in the rain hoping to see her, I felt that the situations in many countries are so desperate that for those people, America represents hope. America must somehow play a leading role in bringing people to Mother.

A photo was published of Donna Shalala trying to get into the meeting. It was like a stampede; women were scrimmaging in the rain, because the people guarding the building would not let anyone in out of the rain. People were very agitated, and there was a lot of seemingly unnecessary difficulty.

As a result, Hillary Clinton had quite a ruffled audience by the time she finally arrived. However, a person from Alaska sang some spirit-filled songs, and various people gave readings before she spoke.

Mrs. Clinton began by apologizing for the difficulties people had getting into the speech. She stressed the importance of the NGO forums and said that the US government recognizes their role in improving the situation of women. She referred to the difficulties some women had gone through to get there. In fact, there was a lady in a wheelchair on the stage who was interpreting Mrs. Clinton's words into sign language; you can imagine how difficult it might have been for her.

Mrs. Clinton told the participants that they would be key players in the future; for this conference to transcend rhetoric and improve the lives of women depends on the NGOs. In reference to her concern about health care for women and families, job opportunities and human rights, she described the dilemmas of women around the world, including one woman in Louisiana who was denied health care because she had a lump in her breast. She also talked about the women she had met in Bangladesh who were offered supplementary food for their families if they promised not to let their daughters get an education; they could not send their girls to school because they needed food for their families.

She referred to a poem written by a young woman which described many generations of silence and called upon this generation to speak the words and do the actions to break the silence. In conclusion, she quoted a prayer, "Please release us from our prejudice to hear the stories of our sisters." It was a beautiful, spiritual conclusion.

I was thinking on the way back home about the advantages we have in America. It was hard to come back and see what we take for granted, with new eyes,

and I am wondering how we can channel this to the world.

Meeting a Chinese family

I had another touching experience. A young Chinese couple living near us in Albany, New York, attended the satellite blessing in New York City. The wife has a daughter in Beijing, and with tears in her eyes she had asked if I could visit this daughter on her behalf. She had come to America to study and had not seen her daughter in four years.

I called the family up in Beijing, and the whole family gathered at the home of the husband's parents: the wife's daughter, her sister, the husband's father and mother, and his brother and sister-in-law and their daughter. We all had a wonderful dinner together, and then I spent the night in their home. The father and mother wanted to cook breakfast for me, so he stayed up for several hours making a certain type of dumpling to put in the soup, and she got up at 4:00 a.m. to boil peanuts and finish breakfast preparations. I felt as if I was with my own grandfather and grandmother. Although we did not speak the same language, we had someone there to help translate, and we shared so much.

The whole family is living under the communist system, but here we were sitting there like family, and we were sharing freely. They gave things to me, and I left my clothes with them. It was beautiful sharing, and the whole experience deepened our relationship with the Chinese couple in Albany. ■

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I FIRST learned about the NGO Forum in 1994, when I was invited by Kristina Seher to go to a preparatory meeting being held near San Francisco, California. There I learned about the two conferences on women scheduled for the autumn of 1995 in China. One was the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, and the other was the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Forum that was to take place alongside the UN conference.

The preparatory meeting that we attended was sponsored by several US government agencies. Kristina and I quickly discovered that it was dominated by a liberal agenda, and conservatives of any kind were conspicuously underrepresented. The agenda was also very externally oriented, with the theme, "Women in the Work Place and Women and the Environment." The common sentiment was that women must continue fighting for equal positions and power with men. The atmosphere was charged with the



Mother delivers her address at the Second Women's Federation for World Peace World Convention in Seoul.

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Exercise of Faith in China

Christine Froehlich

familiar anger and resentments of liberal feminism.

Birth of a desire

However, there were many wonderful women at this conference, and we could not help but be impressed by the fact that 3,000 women had gathered at the preparatory meeting who sincerely wanted to make a difference in the society around them and work for world peace. They could be a tremendous force with leadership in the right direction. It was very exciting to hear about the gatherings to take place in China, and it felt like a great opportunity for the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), which is registered with the UN as an NGO and thus could officially sponsor an event at the NGO Forum and send delegates to the UN conference in Beijing.

Kristina and I sat down to write a statement of the points we felt were missing in the conference, then we began searching for a way to express our points at one of the smaller "break-out" sessions during the afternoon. Our statement was a simple affirmation and summary of the goals of WFWP, calling for a positive vision that could embrace the spiritual aspect of women and their crucial role in the family. [See accompanying statement.]

As I read this statement at one of the sessions, I was amazed when the participants broke out in spontaneous applause. Many other women voiced sympathy with our statement and expressed their support to me after the meeting.

This experience gave me a longing to go to Beijing and make a strong contribution of the kinds of values WFWP stands for, finding other like-minded women there as well. We felt compelled to represent America in a more balanced way.

Preparation

Preparation over the following months was sporadic, because it was very difficult to obtain clear information about the agenda of the two conferences and what we could expect. One factor was

the host country. Since China is still a communist country, there is always a sense of mystery and secrecy about what is going to happen. In an effort to exert control, the Chinese government kept people in the dark about many things until the last moment before leaving America. The organizing committee tried to keep on top of things as well as satisfy the government's concern for security. However, most of us learned where we could stay in China only two or three days before departing for the conference.

The Chinese government was excited to host the UN conference, but they were worried about the NGO Forum because it has a history of activism, and its members were more likely to demonstrate, hold rallies and express radical ideas. Therefore, the government moved the NGO Forum to Huairou, a small town one and a half hours' travel by car outside Beijing. The conveners of the forum threatened to move to Norway if the Chinese government did not let them meet in Beijing. After much negotiation, arrangements were made for easy access to transportation between Huairou and Beijing, closed circuit TV connections

between the conferences, and guaranteed freedom of speech at the forum site, as a UN protected area.

As the date of the forum grew closer controversies grew. The conservative and Christian communities in America were outraged by their lack of representation at the conferences. The attendance of Hillary Clinton and the human rights issues surrounding China's arrest of Harry Woo were all issues of debate.

An exercise in faith

For these and other reasons, the trip to China was really an exciting exercise in faith. We needed faith in God's guidance and the support of the spiritual world in order to imagine how we would make an impact there. Even the night before we left for Beijing we did not know what kind of facility would be available for a WFWP-sponsored event at the forum.

It was also a wonderful experience to travel and attend the conference together with Maureen Reagan, daughter of former President Ronald Reagan. Nora Spurgin, national chairwoman of the WFWP, had the mission of attending Ms. Reagan, and Shirley Chimes and I



One of the demonstrations in Huairou, China, during the NGO Forum events.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF BETSY JONES

were to assist her. We were concerned about accommodations for Ms. Reagan and very anxious that she have a good experience with us. In this matter, we had amazing help from the spiritual world from the day we landed in Beijing.

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In the spirit of adventure, we spent the first night in a very simple apartment, which was part of a large complex of buildings that the Chinese had finished constructing only days before. It had cement walls and floors, and no carpet. It had been freshly white-washed, so if one leaned against the wall, one's clothing became white too! We took this in stride and joked about all the ways we had to be careful when dressing in

the morning.

While walking through the forum site the next day, Mrs. Spurgin noticed a nice hotel and asked if there were any rooms available. She was told they had just one left, a nice suite, which she re-

served for Ms. Reagan. However, Ms. Reagan insisted that Mrs. Spurgin and Ms. Chimes move in with her. When the manager found out who Ms. Reagan was, he miraculously found another room. Ms. Reagan then insisted that her larger room become the WFWP headquarters for the NGO Forum.

I was moved by the tremendous effort the Chinese made to welcome the women's conference. We could see that

they had made many sacrifices to accommodate us.

The purpose of WFWP

I asked myself many times, "Why am I here? What is to be accomplished by such a massive meeting of women?"

The purpose of the NGO Forum was to network thousands of women's organizations, to educate people on women's issues, and to influence the UN conference in Beijing. The purpose of the UN conference was to produce a document for the governments of all 185 member nations; recommending ways to enhance the status of women in their countries, promote women's rights, improve education. The document was partially completed before the UN conference began, but certain sections were still controversial and were thus "bracketed." These bracketed sections would be debated by the delegates in Beijing. For example, one bracketed section dealt with lesbianism and the promotion of human rights for lesbians. Thus, there was a lot of controversy and debate surrounding this document, with different interest groups

Statement by the Women's Federation for World Peace

IN the US Regional Conference Preparatory Meeting for the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, an overwhelming emphasis is being placed on equal rights for women in the workplace and in relation to the environment. Although these are important issues, something essential to the empowerment of women is missing here; that is, a positive vision for the fulfillment and joy of all humanity in the 21st century.

Historically, men speak the language of power, confrontation and competition. We face a special time and a special opportunity when women must go beyond this with the language of love, compassion, empathy and reconciliation, for the benefit of all men, women and children.

In most of the world's families, women are the center of heart and harmony from generation to generation. Thus every woman is a natural educator in drawing out the potential of the next generation.

Women bring unique gifts to the public arena: a capacity to harmonize people, a sensitivity to the beauty inherent in every person, the energy of healing, and an awareness of the inter-relatedness of all life.

Faced with the breakdown of the family, confusion over values in education and in public life, the rise of violent crime, shootings and gangs in schools, to name just a few of today's urgent concerns, we need a model of health for the individual woman both physically and spiritually; a model of a healthy family both nuclear and extended; and a model of a healthy community, nation and world.

Therefore, we propose that the Fourth Global Conference on Women provide more opportunities for women to dialogue on the educational issues which are indeed the wellspring of a healthier world:

- character education;
- education in values, which pro-

- duces a desire for a better world;
- preparation for marriage;
- parenting education;
- an ethic of caring, for human relationships;
- responsible stewardship of the environment;
- conflict resolution;
- peace studies.

This special conference must include the full expression and discussion of what we can call the more internal or spiritual concerns, which strike at the very heart of our reasons for existence.

Based on an education of the heart, the fulfillment of every human being's potential—in the workplace, the home, everywhere—and the protection of the environment will naturally be accomplished. ■■



Maureen Reagan (center) and Motoko Sugiyama (right), president of WFWP in Japan, gather with other NGO Forum delegation members at mealtime.

each trying to sway the direction and the outcome of the conference.

As representatives of WFWP, we wanted to make a contribution emphasizing the values affirmed by our True Parents, and we wanted to meet like-minded women and organizations. We also hoped to influence the UN conference, but it was unclear exactly how things would unfold. Little did we realize how much impact we would have.

Once we found our headquarters, we had a way to meet the Korean, Japanese, Thai, Philippine, and European delegations, as well as many other delegations. We also had a way to communicate in the overwhelmingly crowded and slightly chaotic atmosphere of the NGO Forum. I had heard that Father wanted us to educate 500 women there; we also heard that Father had told WFWP leaders, "Do your best in Beijing!" We all had great hopes of making an impact, but it was not easy to believe that we would actually be able to reach 500 women.

Next, we formed the "gang of seven," consisting of Maureen Reagan, four American and two Australian WFWP leaders. In the overwhelming atmosphere of the forum, we found that we needed to work together and share our various talents in order to create something within a short time. We were also very lucky to meet several American missionary sisters who helped us tremendously.

WFWP-sponsored events

One Australian sister brought with her some beautiful WFWP stickers which

so delighted Ms. Reagan that we decided to make posters from them. Luckily there were computers and color copiers available for use and we made 150 posters to place at strategic locations around the forum site.

We also had to secure a room. Mrs. Spurgin learned that we had been given one room and one two-hour time slot September 2 in the very hotel which had become our headquarters. Mrs. Spurgin negotiated for a second meeting room and time slot in the same hotel.

We wanted to make a contribution emphasizing the values affirmed by our True Parents, and to meet like-minded women and organizations. We also hoped to influence the UN conference, but it was unclear exactly how things would unfold.

For two days before our event we also had the opportunity to attend the workshops of other organizations, which were held every day from 9:00-11:00, 11:00-1:00, 1:00-3:00, 3:00-5:00, and 5:00-7:00. The schedule was very packed, with 20 to 30 workshops going on at the same time. Therefore, we split up to cover the meetings that seemed important or good for networking.

Another highlight of our experience was the opportunity to work with Josette Shiner, who was reporting on the conference for the *Washington Times*. She gave us the inside story on the relations between media and the Chinese govern-

ment and played a key role in connecting WFWP with the American delegation led by Hillary Clinton.

On the day of the WFWP event, Mrs. Spurgin inspected the room we had been given for our event and decided that it was too small. Quickly, one of the ten Japanese missionary sisters who had been working in China set to work to find another available room. By a miraculous turn of events, she found a large room which could seat more than 400 people very near our hotel. We quickly secured this room.

That morning the leaders of the various WFWP delegations met at the headquarters and prepared to hand out 5,000 leaflets and put up the posters. As they were leafleting, they met many WFWP members who had been trying to find each other in this enormous forum site, as well as many interested guests.

Our meeting was scheduled for 1:00. We had a sister posted at the hotel to direct people to the new room. We had very little time to set up, and the room began to fill even before 1:00.

I was surprised to discover how many media people were present when Maureen Reagan got up to speak. She is quite an international celebrity, and dozens of cameras were flashing as she began to speak. She was very gracious with reporters afterward. I was impressed at how staunchly she supported the WFWP. She feels very much a part of our work. Over the course of the week we spent in China, she became very open and close with us, especially with Mrs. Spurgin.

We held two WFWP events that day, attended by about 500 people. The second meeting was more informal and in a smaller room; I was moved when the discussion spontaneously focused on how women can help the younger generation in these times of moral confusion.

The uniqueness of WFWP

The power of WFWP is amazing. Ours was the only meeting at the forum which united East and West so completely and which drew women of so many different nationalities into one network. WFWP was also the most action-oriented group. The tendency at such forums is to have

a lot of talk and very little action. However, the WFWP video shows people an extraordinary variety of concrete activities which advance world peace, especially the Sisters of Peace ceremonies. We also had the largest meeting of any single NGO at the forum site.

During this whole experience, I felt God was leading us on a course for the restoration of feminism. It is very interesting to get a sense of WFWP's place in the context of other women's organizations. WFWP has a great role to play in guiding the others, in finding Abel-type

We are closest to the children and must teach values of compassion, caring, patience, tolerance, forgiveness, sharing, and respect for ourselves and others. We need to resist violence and despair, embrace hope, and be an example of moral courage to our children and others around us. All these virtues require moral character and sacrifice.

women leaders to work together to influence American women and the world for God's will.

WFWP has so much to offer, with its emphasis on feminine virtues and in the realm of the healing of the heart. True Parents have set the example of healing resentments through forgiveness and true love. The Sisters of Peace conferences exemplify this on an international level. They are so profoundly moving because they strike at the core of what we need to do to heal this world and work for peace.

I will never forget sitting in front of Father one day as he asked the sisters, "Do you have any idea how many tears Father shed to win women, to be trusted as the True Adam for all women?" We are so blessed, and we need to find ways of sharing this with American women so they become a great force for good in the world.

No other group even tried to cross the lines of Asian and Western cultures as we did, in one organization. At the WFWP gathering, Nora Spurgin asked all of the delegations to introduce themselves. There were delegations that we did not even know had come! We were a kind of microcosm, forming a true sense of unity around a solid spiritual center.

I felt we were the spiritual center of this huge gathering because of our True Parents. People need a spiritual center as they try in their many scattered ways to work for world peace. God is guiding

them and working to bring them together to raise the consciousness of the world's women, but there has to be a center. WFWP is a meeting place for those in the West who are thirsting for the spiritual element in our overly materialistic society.

New trends in feminism

Through attending the meetings of other groups I learned a lot about the history of feminism in America and the world. New trends have emerged over the past five to ten years, and women are searching for a new expression of

feminism.

One day a group of Indian journalists asked me, "Are you American?" in a confronting way. I said yes, thinking, "Oh-oh, here it comes!" Then one woman said, "We have been following you American feminists for all these years, and now all my friends are divorced! We don't like this! We would like to see a kind of feminism which also promotes the value of women in the family."

In 1986, while studying at Stanford University, I met a professor who was exploring a new kind of feminism. She has ten children, five of her own and five adopted. She believes in rediscovering what she calls the feminine virtues and encouraging women to develop these very qualities that are distinctly theirs and offering them toward the healing of the family and society. Her emphasis is on moral education, and wrote a book called, *An Ethic of Caring: A Feminine Approach to Moral Education*.

These feminine virtues are being articulated more and more by leaders among women today. Coretta Scott King spoke of these virtues at the Sisters of Peace Conference in Los Angeles on October 21, 1995. She stated that peace-making begins in the family and that women have a special role as givers of life and protectors of the innocent. We are closest to the children in all cultures and must teach values of compassion, caring, patience, tolerance, forgiveness, sharing, and respect for ourselves and others. We must

be experts in resolving conflicts, drawing out and nurturing the best in others, and teaching strategies of nonviolence. We need to resist violence and despair, embrace hope, and be an example of moral courage to our children and others around us. All these virtues require moral character and sacrifice.

I could not help but notice that these are the very qualities embodied in our Mother. I can feel that it is because of Mother's victory that God is able to reach these other women with inspiration and guidance about what a true woman should be.

It is understandable that women have had a kind of anger, even rage, at the way they have been mistreated throughout history. Of course, they have not known clearly the reason. Sadly, American feminists were influenced by Marxism-Leninism and began to denounce the family. A generation of women grew up in America unwilling and/or incapable of making the sacrifices to be a "center of heart" and create successful families.

Father has explained that the history of feminism began under inspiration by God. I heard in one group that the original feminists were mostly dedicated to their families, and after fighting for suffrage they returned to their homes, where they sought to restore value and dignity to women and expand their influence for good from the family to the society around them. Betty Friedan lamented that the anger and resentment felt by women became increasingly politicized and exaggerated, rather than healed through expression and forgiveness.

Many speakers at the forum traced the history of feminism in search for the next step. They spoke of the end of the old era of feminism with its emphasis on fighting for equality with men. Women are searching for their value and identity as women and the unique elements they can contribute. It is like a massive search to become the restored Eves that history is waiting for.

Certain prominent women thinkers and leaders are recognizing the need for the very elements that WFWP has to offer: an articulation of the true feminine virtues that we need to resurrect. American women fought for certain rights and a basic standard of respect for self and respect for others, which is important and good. But the internal realm has been neglected. We went to China to try to contribute this. We found that so many other women are seeking these same things. We are offering a positive vision of Eve, the restored Eve who is living for God and the world. ■

We Are Going to Take On Your Message

Armando Lozano

MADRID woke up that Saturday, 11th of November, amid a heavy rain. *El Pais*—the main daily newspaper in the country—had a whole page dedicated to Father's visit. The story was a mixture of good news and the old garbage, but what worried us was the second headline of the story announcing Father's banning from Germany. What will be the effort of the news on the event and on the Spanish authorities?

I reflect now how hard brothers and sisters worked for that day. We have fasted (some three days, one brother seven days, many at least one day or a meal every day). We gathered every night to pray and share our work from 10 to 12 p.m. A team of courageous members left after that to put up posters with Father's photo all over Madrid inviting people to the event. That night, under the heavy rain, our team still went out in a final effort.

We sent 5,000 invitations to all government ministers, religious leaders, politicians, artists, media people, military, police and even secret service. Our strategy was from the very beginning to be totally open. We invited television channels, radios and newspapers to cover the event. We distributed 10,000 leaflets in the streets and put up 7,000 posters. We have about 50 members in Madrid and to be absolutely open was our only chance to fill up the hall.

We were so joyful that True Parents were coming to Spain that we wanted to tell everyone, it was like living in a dream. Father himself had decided to speak in Spain and we could not let him down.

The news of Britain's ban on Father had absolutely no effect on Spain. *El Pais*, the socialist government paper, had a story criticizing the decision of the Home Office as a false move by the "representative of the extreme right within the Conservative Party." That expression in an Spanish context takes away any credibility on Michael Howard's decision, so we were not worried.

To help us feel even more confident was the fact that from the 5,000 letters we sent, only one person requested to be taken off the mailing list and two people responded quite nastily; one, an American minister; the second, a British university professor. We received letters and telegrams from many government ministers, the Archbishop of Madrid, heads of political parties, apologizing for not coming in a very respectful way and wishing the best for the meeting. I was amazed about the ease we all felt in witnessing about Father to professional people. Nothing, even in our worst dreams, could have foretold what would happen on the 11th of November.

Re-living Calvary

On that day I woke up with a feeling as if we were going to re-live Calvary. I

commented on the feeling to another brother and tried to put it aside, but at 11 o'clock Mr. Kunihiro Shibamura, regional leader of the Unification Church's South European Region, told me that some trouble was expected in Paris. True Parents' party had left Budapest on an early flight and had to go through Paris to come to Madrid. The information we got on this end was very vague, so we went ahead with all the preparations.

Finally, it became clear that True Parents had been stopped at the Paris airport by French authorities. What a shock! It was around 12 o'clock. Now we were running against time. We told only a few members. I did not want people to start getting confused or depressed, since still there was a lot of time to the start of our program at 7:00 p.m.

The next few hours became the most



Enrique Miret Magdalena (left) delivered the invocation. Armando Lozano (center), national leader of the Unification Church of Spain, presented the "True Family and I" speech in Father's place. Jose M. Rodriguez Delgado (right) gave the congratulatory remarks.

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Enrique Miret Magdalena gives the invocation in Madrid, Spain.

desperate time in my life. The few people that knew the situation were to make phone calls to some important people pleading to get True Parents into the country. We were all fighting tears, but we had to gather all our strength to create a miracle.

I called Enrique Miret Magdalena, the Catholic theologian who was going to give the invocation. He is a national level figure and we hoped he could pull some strings. He was shocked by the situation but he couldn't help us in France.

I called Dr. Jose M. Rodriguez Delgado, a prominent scientist who was going to give the congratulatory remarks and begged him for help. He told me that, as a personal friend of the Iberian Airlines' president, if True Parents entered the plane there would be no problem, but he could do nothing with French authorities.

We approached a very high ranking official of the National Police. He could not believe the action of the French authorities, despite the Schengen Treaty, but could not help us.

Another brother was a friend of the head of immigration officer on duty that day at the Madrid airport. We explained the situation to him and he said he would let Father come into the country, despite French or German opinion, since he did not feel the Schengen Treaty applied. He said to us that an unpopular religion could not be enough reason for not letting someone in, only if there is a criminal record with actual crimes committed in Europe. He would have let True Parents' party in the country that day.

With this decision we felt some hope. It was already 2:00 p.m. Our hearts wanted to believe that it was still possible. We were happy that at least on the Spanish side True Parents were welcome; but we

were outraged. How can some foreign authority decide whether we want to welcome Father in our country? Such a hopeless feeling to not to be able to do anything but be by the telephone hoping for a miracle.

Our Parents were taken away

At 4:00 p.m. the final decision came. True Parents had to board the plane back to Budapest. True Parents could not come. Our Parents were taken away from us. How they must have felt being treated like criminals at the Paris airport, being deprived of embracing the children who were waiting for them in Spain. What a feeling! I will never forget it in my life.

What will Father do in such a situation, I was thinking and I felt to turn it

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into a total victory. Persecution is the best soil for God's blessing.

At 5:30 p.m. I arrived at the hotel for the first time. Two hundred members had come from Portugal and 50 from Paris by bus. Spanish members and guests were gathering from all over the country by plane, by car, by train, as far as 2,000 km. All of them found out the news a half hour before the event. I felt so sorry, so much sacrifice, even financially.

Many had prepared things for True Parents. One new brother made a large oil

painting to give to them. Another wrote a beautiful letter committing his life to True Parents. Blessed children also made gifts. Many guests waited to meet them. The most famous "new age" magazine was going to interview Father or Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak to print a six or seven page article in a total positive manner. It was so difficult to tell the news.

At 6:00 p.m. people started to enter the hall prepared with 870 chairs. At 6:45 p.m. it was full and people continued entering. There were university professors, clergymen, artists, aristocrats, businessmen, military, personal from the embassies, relatives and friends of members. Many VIPs have been our friends for years and were very eager to listen to Father for the first time in Spain.

Enrique Sanchez Motos, the improvised Master of Ceremony for the evening, and I were wondering when to start, since the room was already full and people standing. TV cameras and journalists were also waiting for the big moment. At 7:10 p.m. Enrique went on stage and with a very calm and deep feeling announced to everyone that Father was not going to be with us because French authorities had forced him to go back to Budapest to protect the "social order." He took the opportunity to ask solidarity from the audience in this clear violation of religious freedom and human rights. His 10 minute speech was stopped several times by the audience clapping.

The message was clear. One thousand people's rights to listen to Father have been violated by some bureaucrats in Germany or France. Again the ghost of first class nations deciding what the

second class nations should do touched the audience.

Father's spirit was with us

Enrique asked the audience to consider that Father was with us there in the room. Indeed, True Parents' spirit and prayers on that plane back to Budapest was with us. God's presence in the hall was overwhelming. There was a sense of peace and love that involved the people all throughout the program. I could imagine going through this situation what

Pentecost must have been, what meeting the resurrected Jesus must have been, True Parents were definitely there.

The program proceeded as such. Enrique Miret Magdalena gave the invocation and shared some words of encouragement to the audience. He is by far the most famous Catholic layman in Spain. His presence meant a lot for Catholics. Then came Alina Sanchez, a soloist of the Cuban Opera for 12 years, filling the air with the holiest of songs. We were truly at a revival service.

Finally came the moment I had to read the speech. I realized again that I was taking my Father's place. Such a sad moment. But there was no choice. So I wanted to do it loud and strong, loving and comforting, making people feel thrilled by the flow of the deep thoughts of the speech. The audience followed carefully. Many did not read the speech but listened carefully. Some people commented to me afterward that I gave the speech with so much spirit and feeling that it seemed as if Father

mentioned how brothers and sisters were so much waiting for True Parents, and how it was a day of fighting tears for all of us, but how we were determined to work even more to welcome True Parents next time. Father said "I will come." Just few minutes of conversation but such sweet minutes.

That night I slept a half hour before Mr. Shibamura, myself and my wife left for Budapest to report directly to True Parents. The chance came the same day at dinner time. It was the first time for me, still such an immature person and leader, so I did not know how to do it well.

Mother asked to me before starting dinner "How was it?" I said, frankly "It was beautiful, but lonely." Both True Parents nodded in understanding. Mr. Shibamura prayed, fighting tears again.

I showed Father the newspaper stories that came that same day reporting the situation. All of them explained the problem in the Paris airport and treated Father in a respectful way. *Diario 16*, the more leftist paper, had a full page quoting many parts of the speech. Mr. Shibamura and I explained in detail the event, the reaction of the people, the testimony of Dr. Delgado, the fact that Spanish authorities were willing to welcome True Parents.... Our words were helping to heal a wound. Father and Mother became quite happy and relaxed.

After dinner Father started signing all the speeches and programs we had brought from Madrid. We were so happy. It was truly a victory over the worst circumstances. Again True Parents took the burden, digesting all the suffering and transforming it into a victory of true love.

What a shame to treat the King of Kings as a beggar or a criminal, there is no place on the earth to hide such a shame. I pray that the day comes when True Parents can be vindicated in our countries, and their love and truth can reach the hearts of our fellow citizens.

True Parents showed us their boundless love once more. As children we cannot sit still. It is time for all of us to reflect, repent and march with the greatest conviction. It is such a privilege to be part of God's providence unfolding in front of our very eyes. What Father said in "True Family and I" can be applied to each one of us individually "if we grasp hold of Rev. Moon more tightly than anyone else we can become the greatest people on earth." ■■■

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Then came Dr. Delgado, former head of scientific research at Yale University and a very close friend of our community. His words melted the audience completely in a 10 minute speech. Among his comments were: "Think about Jesus, he had no university degree, and his followers were just fishermen, but his idea was so powerful! The idea is more important than the man. Jesus had the right message and history had to prove it. Rev. Moon today has the right message and the coming century will say so. His idea cannot be stopped by prisons, torture, persecution, nor by French authorities. His idea will win, because his message is true."

"You may wonder who are the Unificationists? I tell you. They are people who sacrifice and give themselves generously. In all the ICUS conferences or other events I went to, I witnessed the greatest respect for other people's ideas.... I am a man of science and as such have difficulty to understand God. As a brain scientist I know we don't have enough mental capacity to understand God, but Rev. Moon has allowed me to see a divine nature and he can understand it."

He went on and on praising Father and the movement and the people clapped and clapped. Finally Dr. Delgado reached the climax when he started talking to Father as if he was present at the stage and said, "Rev. Moon, wherever you are perhaps in that plane back to Budapest, you can rest assured that we are going to continue your work, we are going to take on your message and going to become the kind of people you would like us to be." The atmosphere was so high, so pure.

was there. But he was not there. People deserve to meet True Parents.

Madrid University had prepared a gift for True Parents that was presented afterward. We ended with a loving Argentinean song by our soprano, "The day that you love me." She asked the audience to sing along. We were truly a family and we felt victorious. No prejudice and darkness, away from the evil which destroys the original conscience Father proclaims. We were victorious because love has no boundaries, and it cannot be stopped. People have to surrender in front of such a love.

Later on came the victory celebration. It was truly a victory celebration, so joyful and bright. It helped very much that Rev. Joon Hyun Pak, North American Continental Director, was with us. He was so moved. He was intoxicated by God's love, and conveyed such spirit to the Portuguese, French and Spanish members.

Alina Sanchez—our soprano—was there singing with us. Members who came from abroad thought she was a member. Many other guests from the program came to the victory party. Who cared that night who was a member and who was not? We were there under a common True Parents, that's all.

Reporting to Father

That night Rev. Pak said we should go up to the room and telephone Father with so much enthusiasm about what has happened. I prayed that True Parents could be comforted by the report. Mr. Shibamura also shared some impressions with Father barely holding back his tears, and then it was my turn. Father seemed to be relieved by our reports. I

Mission In a Foreign Country

Zin Moon Kim

I AM one of the missionaries of HSA-UWC International. Therefore, I will use the first person case (we, our, us) for the word "missionary" in many instances.

To make several terms clear, let us define them as follows: (1) "Education" in the Orient means "teaching and raising—including discipline, instruction and feeding." (2) "Religion" in the Orient means "educating the origin." (3) "Mission" in religious terms in the Orient means "proclaiming and publicizing a religion in a foreign country." (4) "Missionary" in the Orient means "one who has a religious mission in a foreign country."

In light of these definitions, the terms "education," "religion" and "missionary" have a close and inseparable relationship to one another. Accordingly, we Unification Church missionaries should teach, discipline, instruct, raise and feed the people in our mission countries to become God's people. Let us think more about the relationship between religion and education, because the missionary is a very important educator. Both in the Orient and the Occident, schools have originated from religion; therefore, so many famous universities started as theological seminaries. Our Sun Moon University is not an exception.

True Parents once said, "The minister of education based on religion must be the first minister in the government for

a country to have a good future." That means that education is the most important affair. Today, most universities educate their students not based on religion. Therefore, they produce head-men, not heart-men. As a result, the more highly educated a person is, the more self-centered he is. This kind of education produces many egotistic, arrogant people, and their families, society and world are very unstable.

The content of this paper is based on my experience—especially my trials and errors—in about a hundred countries while serving as a world itinerary worker of the Unification Church. I will list point-by-point what is desirable for the Unification Church missionary in a foreign country.

Clearly understand God and True Parents

We should clearly understand God (invisible) and True Parents (visible). To do that, we should clearly understand the Divine Principle and Unification Thought. All kinds of human problems, without exception, originate from the lack of clear understanding of these two. For example, by saying, "True Parents should not do this kind of thing! (or this kind of way)," even some leaders want to measure them by their short, fallen rulers. It is simply and surely originating in their lack of understanding of the

Divine Principle. They may say, "We know Divine Principle well," but they know it only superficially.

True Parents said we should read the Divine Principle book at least 70 times. The Divine Principle book is a spiritual book. Without profound prayer we cannot understand it clearly, even though we read it 100 times. If we read it with sincere prayer, every time it will surely give us new

inspiration. It is not a book of knowledge, but of heart.

In the meantime, I think that Unification Thought is the bridge to connect Divine Principle with our reality, according to the academic explanation of the heart of Divine Principle. When we read Unification Thought, we may be assured that Dr. Sang Hun Lee understands Divine Principle very clearly and deeply. Even True Parents said at an ICUS conference in Los Angeles in front of many top Unification Church leaders, "Dr. Lee understands Divine Principle more deeply and clearly than any other leaders."

Especially in Divine Principle, the principle of creation, the fall of man and the principle of restoration must be clearly understood by Unification Church members, especially leaders; and we should teach these to people very clearly. Because these are the gist of Divine Principle, through understanding these, we should also understand clearly and teach God's hopeful and happy heart at the time of His creation, His sorrowful and regretful heart at the time of man's fall, and His suffering and painful loving heart at the time of restoration.

Many Occidental members are keeping True Parents' smiling photos. Because we leaders do not know True Parents' real daily heart, we cannot teach members about it. Comparatively speaking, I am lucky to see True Parents many times. Most of the time in their daily life, there is no smile; they have sincere and serious faces, because they know very well God's suffering course of restoration for His children who have many problems. Actually True Parents' official photo shows very serious faces. If we look all the time at their smiling faces, we shall be very far away from God and True Parents heartistically. Be careful!

What is God? You may have heard this kind of question from others many times. At such a time, I think you become embarrassed, because of the difficulty defining God. The essence of God is "heart for others." Natural scientists may not accept this kind of definition. How about saying this to them: "God is the (not "a") subjective, causal, spiritual, physical and special Energy having a good purpose for others"? We cannot,

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Members and missionaries pose for a photo during the Middle East Regional Seven-day Workshop, held September 1-7, 1991.

because they do not know the heart for others. So, we should give a Divine Principle lecture to them, if possible. It is the best way for them.

Anyway, the first step for the Unification Church missionary is to introduce God and True Parents to people. We should think of and accept God and True Parents as absolute, and teach people as we understand them.

The motivation, process and result of our mission

The Word should be the motivation, process and result of our mission, whatever we do, wherever we are, whenever the opportunity comes. We should read it and note its main points, which we should use for Sunday sermon texts and to educate people. Even though we can use other materials to explain the Word, the main points of our purpose should be the Word. We should be careful not to have self-praise or to use it to excuse ourselves in our lectures.

The Word is first, and money is next. It looks very simple, but it is not simple in our daily lives. It is so sad to see that not a small number of our leaders are dead, dying or suffering under money problems. The most important thing we should understand is that God, True Parents, parents or children cannot be traded for money.

Live on the battlefield of self-struggle

Because the essence of God is to live for others, we as missionaries should always live on the battlefield of self-struggle to achieve self-denial. Our fallen self centering on itself all the time has tried to stand arrogantly in the first place,

Truly, missionaries should be such people. Those who want to become true missionaries are the ones who want to give and forget what they gave, and try to give again to others for the sake of the others through shedding sweat, tears and blood. In this sense, True Parents are really the missionaries.

Do not become those who have absolute reign over members. Parents should not reign over their family. If they do so, the family will surely perish soon. We are the representatives of True Parents. Never create this kind of problem. It is very sad, but sometimes there are such missionaries. Never construct a self-centered kingdom. Whoever does so will surely and eventually perish, because it is a violation of the Divine Principle.

The missionary is True Parents' representative, not the True Parents themselves. The missionary is a brother or sister representing True Parents, not True Parents themselves. Never forget this. We should remember this clearly and be absolutely humble. The missionary needs to take on the role of the root more and the role of the tree less. If the root appears in the air very frequently, the root shall surely die very soon, along with the whole tree.

During the first half of the sixties the



Members sing during their prayer service.

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lives carefully.

Generally speaking, those who work well externally, for example, in a diplomatic or business mission, are easily apt to belong to the sacrifice-type. Those who do not produce good works externally or have any external skill may look a little bit stupid externally, but if they are absolutely dedicated in mind and body, totally 100 percent for God and True Parents, they are easily apt to belong to the glory-type. If I may give an example of this in our society, one who is arrogant toward the members but courts and flatters True Parents usually exaggerates his results like a piece of puffed corn. We should remember that every one of our mistakes will give great damage to the dignity of God, True Parents, and our whole community. A wise person is better than a clever person, but a heartistic person is better than the other two, and he will belong to the glory-type. An innocent brother is much better than 100 clever seniors.

Pray much

Pray much. I think prayer is the spine of our faith. We should always pray first for greater purpose and for others. There is no prayer for self and one's own family in our Unification Church. We should pray centering on giving. Prayer is the only way for fallen human beings to communicate directly with God. We should thank God very much because our being able to pray to God itself is God's grace to humankind.

Prayer increases people's patience and gives courage to people to overcome difficulties in their lives. Patience and courage are what we missionaries really need, and because we are in a foreign country

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praising itself for 6,000 years. If we do not push our fallen self down, we will surely fail to teach others. Therefore, the first step, the second step, the third step, and all steps in our lives should be based on self-denial. For this, we really need to base ourselves on True Parents' words, "Let us make our physical self (body) become the body of a slave, and our spirit self (mind) become the parental heart."

workshop lecturers categorized people as failure-type, sacrifice-type, and glory-type. They gave example like these: Adam is a failure-type person, Jesus a sacrifice-type person, and the Lord of the Second Coming, a glory-type person. Adam is the person of the failure-type, Noah, of the sacrifice-type and Abraham, of the glory-type. Which type do we missionaries belong to? We should lead our

and thus very lonely throughout the course of our mission, we really need help from the spirit world. This is possible only through prayer. The deep understanding of God's word and its strong practice should be backed by prayer.

A special educator

A missionary is a special educator. Therefore, he should always set a good

man's spirit self, man can become brutal."

There is no limitation of time and space in the spirit world, so it is an unlimited world; but life in the spirit world is absolutely dependent on life in this world. One day, one of True Parents' sons-in-law and I were in the car with True Parents. The son-in-law said, "I want to study law. What about it, Father?" Father answered, "In the USA

lack of love. Therefore, love people evenly and justly without any discrimination. By the way, one thing of which the missionary should be careful is the villainous retainers who court and flatter him with negative talk about the former leader whose position the missionary has inherited. The missionary should educate this kind of member with more care and sincerity.

Do not struggle with other missionaries, but unite with one another for the sake of the country. It is very sad, but we still have this kind of struggle in the Unification Church, which makes True Parents very sorrowful. If any good news and good word came to the missionary's hand, he needs to quickly share this with other leaders and members, but we still have some leaders who dislike to do this for their own reasons.

We hold a certain rank for the sake of accomplishing our responsibility, not for our authority and dignity. To fallen people, there is no real authority and dignity. If we lead our lives centering on our responsibility, there will be no problem. If we lead our lives centering on authority derived from rank or position, we will always have problems.

Authority may sometimes make for stability today, but it will surely create instability tomorrow. Originally, freedom and authority could only be given to one who has accomplished one's responsibility. Through fulfilling responsibility, human reason grows, making a

A missionary should give much love to the people in the mission country. He should love the land and the people there more than his own family. Therefore, True Parents always begin with farming and fishing. Because God created in that order, and no part of creation other than human beings has fallen nature, if the missionary loves his mission country in this order, he can even reduce the persecution of Satan.

example in his daily life. If he talks big but lacks the Divine Principle inside, members will not follow him. Our education is very different from that in the satanic society; our education must be given with our sweat, tears and blood, as teachers showing a good example to students with our lives. Of course, an educator must know much about many things. We need many of the kind of educators who always pray for those who persecute the educators because of their efforts for goodness. In this sense, our True Parents are really educators.

The true missionary should have the heartistic feeling of God's suffering and of His painful, loving heart for others in the course of restoration, and should teach this to people. To do this, we should not watch nude scenes or nervous dancing on television, because they destroy the heavenly feeling in us. Our education centers on practice more than theory. We should teach and practice the viewpoint of value centering on Divine Principle. If we cannot make very good results in our education, we should understand that our failure came from our lack of sincerity, and then pray for ourselves to be sincere. We should teach people qualitatively. The more the number of quantitative members we have in comparison to qualitative members, the more problems we will have in our mission.

Understand the spirit world

The missionary should understand deeply the spirit world and people's spirit selves, and act centered on his own spirit self. True Parents said, "Without understanding God, spirit world and

if one studies law, one may first become a lawyer. What does a lawyer wait for everyday? 'Someone must have a problem and come to me!' This is not good. A good profession is one through which people will thank the person who has the profession even in the spirit world." This profession is a religious ministry.

The call of a missionary is to be a religious minister. It is really a great job. We should be proud of being missionaries.

The spirit world is our eternal hometown. When we return to our hometown, we should go in glory with great luggage full of presents for the people there. We should not ignore the spirit world.

Love the mission country

A missionary should give much love to the people in the mission country. He should love the land and the people there more than his own family. In early April 1995, at the New Hope Farm in Brazil, True Parents said, "We should love the land first, then love plants and animals, and then we can love people. After that we can eventually love God."

Therefore, True Parents always begin with farming and fishing, not other industries. Because God created in that order, and no part of creation other than human beings has fallen nature, if the missionary loves his mission country in this order, he can even reduce the persecution of Satan. We know very well that Lucifer became Satan because he felt a



Michael Irwin, missionary in the Republic of Tuva, poses at the center of Asia in Kyzyl.

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Father is joined by a parrot at mealtime during his stay at the New Hope Farm in Brazil, December 1995.

human being different from animals. Therefore, just after God created man, He said, "Do not eat the fruit (responsibility); if you eat of it, on that day you shall die (life)."

Bear this Word in mind

The missionary's family should be a good example to the local people. Do not be a burden to the country. Do not set up a system in which all the members make money for the missionary's family. This kind of system kills the mission in the country. If we have this kind of system, our leaders will follow us; then to take rather than to give becomes their way of life, which kills members' hearts.

Do not collide with members. Love and respect the people in the mission country, even if they are not members. The missionary must sincerely raise the local members by warm love to become the future leaders of the country. We should not try to hold the highest position in the country eternally, but should have the determination to return to the soil of the country after dedicating our lives with sweat, tears and blood. Our names will then surely be recorded in the heavenly history of the country, and monuments will be erected to us within the country in the future. Always have the affirmative attitude to God's will, so

that members will learn from you.

Be impartial to members. Love members' children, especially, so that the members will willingly stand at the front line. Our goal is to establish one great global family centering on God and True Parents. It is possible to reach this goal only through living for others. The whole organization should be similar to the family system, in terms of loving and ability to work. The church can work properly, not by authority but by love. If

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we look at other established churches, we can understand this point very well.

Especially, do not make personnel changes based on private sentimental connections, or you will destroy your mission. If we study the personnel changes made by True Parents, you can find certain rules and standards.

Grasp general knowledge

To be a good missionary, we should try

to grasp all general knowledge, because the Unification Church is pan-religious and has the ideal of a great global family centering on God and True Parents. Do not become like doctors in the outside world, who know only one small part deeply. Listen much, and read much.

The world today is very international. Therefore, the missionary should have knowledge which transcends both the Orient and the Occident. Moreover, because we are people of the Divine Principle, we should transcend knowledge which is of the present and of the past. We should try to be everyone's friend. We should become the children of True Parents, who are everyone's friends.

Whenever we come from our home country, the first problem we meet is language. In the Unification Church, it is good to be able to speak Korean, Japanese and English. Please study these languages hard and sincerely. As much as possible, we should gather knowledge and many kinds of information based on the Divine Principle, and use it for the Divine Principle.

We should also understand democracy clearly. Politicians are usually using democracy for their own profit. Democracy is not an ideology. It does not have any vertical standard. In democracy there are brothers, but no parents. Democracy was made by Westerners who did not understand the vertical tradition of the Orient. Therefore, to realize democracy in the Orient, there have been so many problems and so much bloodshed, which we can understand through the history of the modern world.

A family without parents to set the vertical standard is always unstable.

The missionary must not be involved in political affairs. When the Western powers marched into all other parts of the world, Christianity frequently became the puppet of politicians and the target of blame and censure. There is a saying in Africa which testifies to that well: "Western Christian missionaries came to Africa with a book, the Bible, and they said; 'Let's pray!' So we closed our eyes. After the 'Amen,' we opened our eyes.

We found out that the Bible was in our hands, and our land of Africa was in the hands of the Western missionaries.”

Politics and trickery are a loving couple. Love the country and the people, not any political party. Guide and save high officials and doctors through the Divine Principle. Do not be used by them. We should let them understand that we are religious people, but not let them use us for their egoistic purposes.

Let us give our attention to our seniors' and elders' testimonies, which surely will be very helpful for our missions. Always have a willingness to learn from anyone. People say there are two groups of arrogant people: professors and ministers. We should be careful not to be arrogant because we are ministers.

We need to receive a good social response from people. To do this, we should do many types of social service campaigns based on true love and living for others. Even without money, we can do this; for example, we can do street cleaning in the morning. Do not forget that we are the ones who should bring about cosmic unification centering on God's heart for others.

We should try to make friends positively with other religious denominations. Most of them are our elders, because they served our Father, God, before us.

Study the mission country

Study the history, religion, education,

geography, politics, economy, society and culture of our mission countries, especially their traditions—for example, ancestor worship in Korea. Make a textbook for educating people in our mission countries, giving an interpretation centered on the Divine Principle.

Health and visas

The last point relates to physical health and visas. Be careful about diseases related to the climate. There are usually some diseases in humid and poor areas. Anyone who lives in or visits this kind of place should get a mosquito net. Quinine is very bad for the human liver. I experienced this when I was in Africa. There are many countries poorer than Korea. It will be difficult to get either a net or quinine once you arrive in such countries.

Another point regarding health is that there are many kinds of reports from several developed countries from which we can conclude that living for others in itself makes people healthy. Finally, eating snacks between main meals is not so good for the health.

Visa problems make it difficult to make long-term plans for our missions. Therefore, we should make careful plans. In case we need to be absent from the country, we should raise several good, heartistic members who would be able to substitute for us while we are away.

By the way, it looks as if it is very

difficult to become a true missionary in a foreign country, but if we lead a life for others everything will be okay, because it is the shortcut.

A historical miracle

Today the number of member countries of the United Nations is 185, of which 173 countries have a Unification Church mission. This is almost the same number as that of countries which have had Christian missions established over 2,000 years. The Unification Church made missions in 163 countries within only 40 years. This is really a historical miracle made by True Parents.

If we look at our Unification Church with short-sighted eyes, it looks like it is at a standstill; but if we look at it microscopically, it is progressing very quickly. We should know that much painful effort has been invested by God and True Parents with much sweat, tears and blood under so much persecution, to achieve this speedy progress. God bless you! ■■

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The Origin of Absolute Faith ...

love. Adam and Eve did not realize it, but God related to them with absolute love.

God created in absolute obedience to His heavenly law. When we hear about absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience from True Parents, we think of absolute faith, love, and obedience toward True Parents. Of course, we should uphold that standard, but the origin of those terms has greater significance.

That standard of absoluteness is the duty of all creation innate in God's ideal of creation. Thus the origin of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience is the creational heart of God; it is not an expedient content of our life of faith. God created with absolute faith. God nurtured with absolute love. God went through the process of absolute obedience to all of His heavenly laws from the moment of creation. Therefore, this absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience can be described as a cosmic covenant.

Father stated that the standard of absoluteness has become the covenant for all existence and the cosmic norm. Therefore, everything—including

blood, sweat and tears—is contained in this covenant. Father said that these three principles are the cosmic covenant connected to the universe, all people, and all existence.

We hear such precious words from our True Parents, yet are not able to fully practice them. I believe that all of us have experienced both the difficulty and preciousness of these principles of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience in our daily life.

We should engrave the duty of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience as the cosmic covenant and cosmic norm in our mind and determine to live that kind of absolute life, regardless of whatever difficulty we may encounter.

African spiritual children

I asked Father, "Can you grant permission for members to donate money for witnessing and education in order to gain spiritual children in Africa?" Father allowed it, because it will enable spiritual children to come in the Islamic realm, an area of great concern for God and True Parents. However, you have to gain six or more Korean spiritual children, and the rest can be African. As you make the donations, I will match them with applicants on the list submitted by the

African continental leader. You can then have African spiritual children.

Actually, Father said, "Blessed couples should live in condominiums together with people of four different nationalities, forming a four-position foundation." I think the sooner we prepare for this the better.

When I visited the Sudan last time, the president and the ministers said to me, "We will entrust you with vast land near the Nile river. It has been flooded by the river almost every year. Please develop that area and promote agriculture. Then we will give you the land for free." I was thinking how providential it is for Korean members to have African spiritual children there assisting us and connecting with them heartistically. If we can negotiate with the government about the land and distribute it to our new blessed families, we can develop the field and also support those families at the same time.

Of course, those people will not register as members of the Unification Church. They will become members of the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace. Those who belong to other religions can join the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace and still be considered your spiritual children.

Muslim faith

I will give you one example of how absolute Muslims are in their faith. In the holy wine ceremony for the 1992 blessing, the Islamic participants were flabbergasted after drinking the holy wine. The faithful believers of Islam never drink alcohol. They are that absolute in their commitment. What happens when such a people drink the holy wine? They didn't know what to do, and it caused a great turmoil. That country will carry out the blessing ceremony via satellite, and our leaders are very concerned about making them drink the holy wine.

Thus, the original term "holy wine" is replaced with "holy nectar" when the ceremony is introduced to these people. I asked Father, "When we spray the holy water over the people, we can use the holy wine given from True Parents; but when we multiply the wine, could you allow holy juice to be used for performing the work of separation?" Father did not permit that.

Father said, "Wine must be used. Juice cannot replace it." Therefore, I still worry. I mention this to emphasize that these people who live in such a poverty still have a very high standard of faith. These days there are some who profess to follow a life of faith, yet drink and do other deeds. Such ordinary Christian faith cannot be compared to the absolute faith which these people uphold.

How wonderful it is for such a people to join the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace and connect with our True Parents! Now, a wonderful path is open for the Korean blessed families.

Other news

In many parts of the world, especially in Africa, our members do not eat well and do not even

have the money to travel to their lecture place.

Therefore, they walk or save their food money and use it as travel money in order to educate people.

Father is meeting presidents, holding banquets, and testifying about himself. We should be the ones who introduce and testify about Father. However, because we cannot do it, Father himself is standing on the podium and proclaiming, "I am the Messiah and True Parents. If you do not listen to me, you will decline." He is meeting presidents and educating them directly. Our members should realize that Father is directly doing work that is 1,000 times and even 10,000 times more difficult than our task of witnessing to our relatives and bringing them to the blessing. We are in no position to say we cannot bring couples.

During the remaining time for the next blessing, we have to witness to young people, educate them with the Principle, get them to sign membership, and make them determine to receive the blessing. This is not too short a time. Please don't be discouraged. Trust and believe in what Father is doing. If you have the earnest heart to follow Father's direction and actually try hard, I believe you can gain couples. Therefore, don't be discouraged and say that you tried and it didn't work. Please do it. You must fulfill it. Each family should gain blessed families.

President Takeru Kamiyama came representing Japan, and he received much scolding from Father. Father received the report that Japan is now in great difficulty and as a result they cannot focus on the blessing. Therefore, Father harshly scolded him. Father chastised him by saying, "In Africa and other nations members are accomplishing twice or three times their responsibility. Japan should fulfill at least half of her responsibility."

Father is now chastising and encouraging us with an earnest heart. We should realize that Father is pioneering the most difficult path on the front line. Please engraft yourselves to Father's heart, spread Father's will to every blessed families, and set personal examples.

I met with the directors who are responsible for the general affairs and personnel departments and asked them to encourage everyone in our group to receive the blessing. It is important for headquarters to inform everyone through the regional and district system, using official channels to make announcements, but it is also important for families to convey Father's will to the brothers and sisters who do not attend services. We should try our best to fulfill Father's desire by participating in this period and taking this opportunity.

We should renew our determination. No matter what, we must accomplish what our True Parents have declared to the world for their glory and name's sake. There is nothing more important than this. It must be accomplished under any circumstances. Once this is fulfilled, the next one will be easy. I ask you to be the examples and voluntarily push yourselves to actualize this goal day and night. ■■

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Originally, true love was to be gained through life experience and understood through internal realization. True love is not something that can be learned through words, a written text, or schooling. It is experienced completely only in life. Created as newborn infants, Adam and Eve were to grow and perfect themselves gradually through experiences of the heart of true children, true brother and sister, true husband and wife, and true parents encompassing their whole lives. Only after experiencing the true love of God in its entirety can one perfect the purpose of creation and become an ideal human being.

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