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FIRST of all, I want to congratulate you for your participation in this historic Blessing ceremony. Until now, many people tried to give an explanation about God. God is generally described as an almighty God or a unique or absolute God, but our True Father told us that the most important and precious nature of God is His True Love. God is the owner of True Love and His motivation and purpose to create is to realize True Love. The nature of True Love is the spirit of always serving, sacrificing and giving.

Because of this nature of True Love, God Himself needs his object in order to share His True Love. God created all things and finally he created man. The position of man in the Creation is that of son or daughter of God. When we look at God's vertical True Love, we can see that the parent-child relationship is the closest analogy we can make to our relationship with God. The parent-son and parent-daughter relationships represent the True Love relationship and all the vertical relationships. The original position and value of humankind is that as sons and daughters of God, our Creator. Our position is so precious in front of God and the whole Creation.

The most important thing for us to remember is that we can inherit, learn and achieve the nature of True Love, not by studying text books or by listening to someone's explanation, but through our own living experience. Without our own life experience, we can never achieve the perfection of love. For example, even if someone is forty or fifty years old, without the experience of married life, he or she can never fully understand about conjugal love. We can only understand about conjugal love through the husband and wife relationship. If someone grew up in an orphanage without the care of parents, he can never fully understand about parental love. We can understand parental love only through the experience of our parents taking care of us. Without parental love, the child can never fully understand the parent-child relationship. This is the Principle of God's Creation. I want to emphasize once again that we can achieve True Love only through our living experience, not through books or anyone's teaching.

God created man as a small child who had to go through a period of growth. Through this period of growth, man had to achieve the perfection of True Love. Man is different from the rest of the Creation; the animals and the other created beings also have a period of growth, but this period is only necessary for their external perfection. In the case of human beings, this period is necessary not only for physical perfection, but most importantly to achieve the perfection of love, the experience of love.

In this sense, the most important thing for human beings is the family, because the family is the fundamental unit of love. The family is the school of love, the training center of love. Without the family relationships, we can never fully understand about the nature of True Love. It is in the family where we learn about parental love, the love between husband and wife and the love between brothers and sisters. Only after we have our own children, do we come to fully understand the parent-child love relationship.

The four realms of heart

True Father explained about the Four Great Realms of Heart. The first stage is the realization of the heart of the true child in front of true parental love. The second stage is the realization of the heart of true brother and true sister through their relationship of love as brother and sister. The third stage is the realization of the heart of true husband and true wife through their conjugal relationship of True Love as husband and wife. After we have our own children we can realize the heart of parents through the parental love between parents and children.

Many of you have already experienced an incredible degree of parental love when you gave birth to your child. From where does this parental love come? Before we have our own child, we had no idea about parental love. When we have our own child, parental love starts to flow automatically. Because of this living experience of the parent-child relationship, we can recognize parental love. This is the Principle of Creation.

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THE MEANING OF THE DAY OF VICTORY OF LOVE

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YOU do not know the deep contents of God's providence. In order to have the Holy Blessing and inherit God's blessing, you should know that there must be inevitable contents. The Blessing is to change the blood lineage.

Then who has to change the blood lineage? It has to be done by True Parents. After the fall, there was only the realm of Cain, in which the fallen father, fallen mother and fallen sons lived; there was no realm of Abel. Thus, the problem is how to turn around this realm of Cain. In order to establish Abel, there must be a restored mother. However, in order for

the restored mother to emerge, there has to be a restored father. Thus, returning resurrection is necessary.

BRINGING CAIN TO NATURAL SURRENDER

The reason why the Lord of the Second Advent comes on earth is to establish the true mother through whom he can bring together the sons and daughters of Abel's realm. Based on this foundation, the sons and daughters of Cain's realm have to be saved, and Cain's mother has to be cut off from Satan. The realm of Cain is different from the realm of Abel, but they cannot be sent to hell by cutting off from the realm

True Parents at the Day of Victory of Love Pledge Service in São Paulo, Brazil, January 2, 1997. (Photo: Ken Owens/NFP)

The central figure of the family lives for the sake of the family, the central family lives for the sake of the tribe, the central tribe lives for the sake of the nation, and the central nation lives for the sake of the world.

of Abel. The realm of Cain has to follow the realm of Abel. After the realm of Abel is unified centering on Abel's parents, then Cain's parents have to follow them. And in the end, Satan also has to follow them. Therefore, in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, the world has to go in one line through the one blood lineage.

However, in the fallen world, there is no way for people to enter in one line. Thus, in order to connect them together, God had to first find Abel. The starting point is Abel. Through Abel, Cain has to surrender voluntarily, not by compulsion. We have to restore Cain by living sacrificially for Cain's sake. Based on the unity of Cain and Abel through natural surrender, all the mothers of the realm of Cain have to be restored voluntarily, not by compulsion. This is the formula of the providence of restoration.

This formula should be fulfilled by the mainstream on each level, from the individual to the family, tribe, nation and world. The central figure of the family lives for the sake of the family, the central family lives for the sake of the tribe, the central tribe lives for the sake of the nation, and the central nation lives for the sake of the world.

However, since Satan's world has already made a worldwide foundation of eight stages from the individual to the family, tribe, and so on, the realm of Abel has to restore all these foundations. If there were no satanic foundations, the Kingdom of Heaven would have been realized. The tribes of Adam's family, centering on their elder sons, would have established the nation, and the Kingdom of Heaven would have automatically been established.

ESTABLISHING ABEL'S FOUNDATION

If God does not find Abel's family, the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, which is God's ideal of creation, cannot be established. The purpose of the Old Testament Age was to establish the foundation of Abel and Abel's family. Things were sacrificed for the sake of the son, the son was sacrificed for the sake of the parents, and the parents were sacrificed for the sake of God. You should know that these sacrifices are made for the sake of the larger realms of restoration.

The Unification Church and today's blessed families started from the individual level and expanded to the family, tribe, nation, and world. Just after World War II, England, America and France were unified. These three nations represented the realm of the bride which God had been establishing through Cain and Abel ever since the fall. As the mother country, England dominated the world until the son and daughter countries emerged. That continued until 1965.

The world of Abel could be established by subjugating the realm of Cain throughout history. Corresponding to the Allied nations of the realm of Abel, the nations of Japan, Germany and Italy represented the realm of Cain, forming a substantial power which united to destroy Christianity. In the First, Second and Third World Wars, Cain's side struck first, but when England, America and France were unified, Abel's side took the victory. However, from the providential viewpoint, since Christianity worldwide had only a spiritual foundation cen-

tered on Jesus and the Holy Spirit, the world wars had to take place to establish worldwide the substantial foundation of Christianity. Thus, when England, America and France were unified through World War II, the worldwide realm of the Christian culture was formed. The cultural realm of Christianity is to unify the world, centering on God.

What is the meaning of unification? Unification means that there are no longer two blood lineages or two nations. If the unified foundation becomes one with the coming Messiah, everything will be completed.

Then, whom do we have to follow? The Messiah! Who can enter the Kingdom of Heaven first? Adam and his family should enter first, and then Adam's tribe, nation, and world.

MAKING SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

The Messiah does not come from the fallen Adam's position or from the failures at the time of Jesus' position. The Messiah has to come on the united foundation. The worldwide Eve nation, Cain nation, and Abel nation have to unite. By whom was the world unified? It was done by Jesus and God. Then who should be the owner of this victorious foundation? The owner should be Jesus and God. When Jesus becomes the owner, what shall he do? Based on the unity of this victorious foundation, he and God have to change the blood lineage. This is the conclusion of the providence of restoration.

Based on one unified world, Jesus has to choose his bride. Centering on True Mother, victorious Judaism and victorious Israel have to unite. On this foundation, if the Messiah establishes the palace in which Judaism and Israel can serve Jesus and help Jesus get married, everything would be completely fulfilled.

Then what does Jesus have to do? He has to change the blood lineage. With the change of blood lineage, the whole contents of the blood offerings, which were given to Satan, are indemnified and completed. All blood offerings from the Old Testament Age until now were sacrificed because of Satan. However, if the purpose of the sacrifice was not completely fulfilled, the indemnity condition has to be fulfilled through a higher condition of sacrifice. Therefore, after the incomplete offerings of the Old Testament Age, Jesus' blood was sacrificed in the New Testament Age. If the son's sacrifice was not offered properly, the parents have to dedicate the sacrificial offering. For instance, if the son did not fulfill the sacrificial way, the mother has to do it, and if the mother did not fulfill completely, the father has to complete it at last. This is the way of indemnity.

Then, if the family palace centered on Jesus is completed, the blessing can be fulfilled all over the world through Jesus. What is the content of the blessing? It is the condition of the sacrifice of the Old Testament Age, the condition of the son of the New Testament Age, and the condition for the mother, father, family and nation. Therefore, because all these conditions were sacrificed, the blessing has to take place on the foundation that all these conditions are resurrected. Do you understand?

Why did Christianity have a history of sacrificial offerings and blood offerings? It was for the parents to come. When True Parents come, they should not shed blood. True Parents should come on the completion stage. Since Adam and Eve fell at the

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completion stage of the growth period, which was the national level, Jesus came on the national level. However, Jesus did not become the national Messiah. Therefore, the time of the worldwide Messiah was still to come.

However, even though the Lord of the Second Advent comes to this world and gives the blessing at the worldwide level, that does not change the whole world. Because the fall happened at the completion stage of the growth period, the Lord of the Second Advent had to start from that stage. Thus, a seven-year course remained.

This seven-year course was the period from 1945 to 1952. Why is it a seven-year course? From the viewpoint of the Principle, this seven-year course is the time to finish the indirect dominion of the completion stage and accomplish the five percent responsibility, opening the way to the direct dominion. This standard becomes the worldwide foundation for the blessing. However, for Christianity to receive me does not mean the start of the completed stage of the completion period of the providence. If Christianity receives me, the completion stage of the growth period can be organized, as well as the nation which Jesus lost. Then, the worldwide realm of Cain, which was blessed with Israel (the realm of Abel), has to be connected to the worldwide realm of blessing. Within seven years, all these things had to be completed. However, because Christianity did not receive me, these things could not be fulfilled, and they were postponed to the time of returning resurrection.

CHANGING THE BLOOD LINEAGE

However, the time of sacrifice was not finished. In the Old Testament Age things were sacrificed, and in the New Testament Age God's children shed blood as offerings. However, as True Parents remove the realm of Satan's blood lineage and bring the two realms of Abel and Cain into one realm of Abel through the change of blood lineage, Satan's blood lineage changes to the blood lineage centered on God and True Parents. The Blessing is the very change of blood lineage.

Why does the blood lineage need to be changed? The fall resulted in two courses. The fallen mother and son emerged, and the true mother and son have to be restored. Do you understand? Then what is the change of blood lineage? Those who are born from the Cain-type mother have to be engrafted into the Abel-type mother and her son. You should know this clearly. No matter how much effort you make, you cannot change your blood lineage by yourself. Because I gained the victory in the satanic world, the blood lineage can be changed based on True Parents' victorious tradition. Unless the blood lineage is changed, no one can join God's blood lineage. Do you understand?

Thus we can conclude that to change the blood lineage, one must pass through the door of love of two mothers. Do you know what I mean? From the horizontal viewpoint, this is why Leah and Rachel fought each other in Jacob's family. Jacob worked for seven years to get Rachel, who was Leah's younger sister. Then who should be his legal wife? It should be Rachel. However, Leah became his legal wife. Fallen circumstances today are exactly the same as the situation in Jacob's family. How can God let Rachel be received? The relationship between

the two mothers has to be reversed, and that requires the family foundation to be established.

In order to become the victor who can establish the realm of the chosen nation, centered on Jacob, the blood lineage had to be changed. Therefore, the Bible contains stories about the providence of restoration taking place through women such as Rebecca, Tamar, and Mary. In the Garden of Eden, when Eve deceived Adam and God, she fell. Likewise, Rebecca had to delude her elder son and her husband. This is restoration through indemnity. Restoration through indemnity is a necessary principle.

TAMAR'S ROLE

Then what did Tamar do? Since Tamar was the wife of Rebecca's grandson, she could observe his grandmother Rebecca. Even though she did not know the deep providential meaning, she came to have a strong determination that if she received a revelation from God she would fulfill it at the risk of her life.

Tamar did not know that God's will would be fulfilled through her. Nevertheless, she absolutely obeyed God's direction. She showed absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience to God. Even though she did not know God's providence, she placed the right of the chosen people of Israel before her faith and love for the grandfather and grandmother. She absolutely loved and obeyed the God of Abraham and Isaac. There was no self-consciousness in her. Because she served the grandmother with absolute obedience, she was influenced by Rebecca's tradition. Through God's providence, her husband died; both the first and second husbands passed away. According to the tradition of Israel, the third son ought to have been given to the daughter-in-law, but he was not given to her. The only way to preserve the blood lineage was through her father-in-law, but since that was not permitted, she had to seduce him at the risk of her life.

What kind of position did Eve have in the Garden of Eden? She was both daughter and wife. Therefore, if the third son, who was supposed to be an object partner of the daughter-in-law, was not permitted to do so, she had to turn to the father. Therefore, Tamar put on make-up like a prostitute and seduced her father-in-law along the road. She bore twin sons, who became the first ancestors of Israel. This was the purification of the blood lineage.

Because Eve deceived the elder son and the father in Adam's family, this had to be restored through providential history. At the time of their birth, one of the twins, Zerah, stretched out his hand to be born first, but he pulled it back into the womb, and the second son, Perez, was born first, taking the position of the elder brother. In reality, this was when the people of Israel received the right to be chosen people. The blood lineage was restored in the mother's womb. Do you understand?

However, even though the Messiah came to the people of Israel, they had to go through a suffering course under the Roman Empire. Through their 2,000-year suffering course, the pure blood lineage of Israel was contaminated by the fallen environment; therefore, it had to be cleansed again.

Therefore, at the time of Jesus, Mary was in the position of Eve in the providence of restoration. Just as Eve led Adam

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astray, who was her husband and God's elder son, Mary mislead her husband, Joseph, and her father. Her father had a dream that his daughter, who was engaged to Joseph, would have a happy family, but this was completely destroyed by Mary's providential act.

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THE ROLES OF LEAH AND RACHEL

Mary was not united with Elizabeth in Zechariah's family, just as Leah and Rachel did not unite in Jacob's family. As you know, Leah and Rachel did not exchange providential positions; Rachel was deprived of the position of elder mother and Jacob's legal wife. Therefore, God's providential history could not move into the original realm. Jacob had ten sons from Leah and the servants and two sons from Rachel. However, because Leah and Rachel did not unite with each other, Jacob's descendants were divided into the nations of Israel and Judea. Thus, enemies in the family became enemies on the national level. Moreover, this expanded to the worldwide level, forming the democratic world and the communist world. Thus, enemy brothers became enemies on the worldwide scale. As the history of restoration has moved to the worldwide level, it became more and more difficult. Do you understand?

From Jacob's family, the world inherited two maternal blood lineages. Then who had to fulfill the history of restoration first? This was the responsibility of Jacob and Rebecca. Then Leah's two mothers (her physical mother and her mother-in-law, Rebecca) had to unite and follow Jacob. Even though their families were broken, they should have united with Jacob and helped him reverse the positions of Leah (the legal wife) and Rachel (the concubine). This is also our destiny in the history of restoration. Once Leah's position was corrected, the ten elder brothers and the youngest brother, Benjamin, had to follow Joseph, who was supposed to be Abel. If the ten brothers were united with Leah, they could be restored. Thus the order of love was supposed to be established centered on Leah and then connected with Rachel as the center. This was the responsibility of Jacob, Rebecca and Leah's mother.

However, since Leah and Rachel fought with each other, the nations of Israel and Judea became enemies. God sent many prophets to restore the wrong relationship, but both religious leaders and politicians opposed them. In order to accomplish restoration through indemnity, this historical fight between Leah and Rachel expanded to the worldwide level.

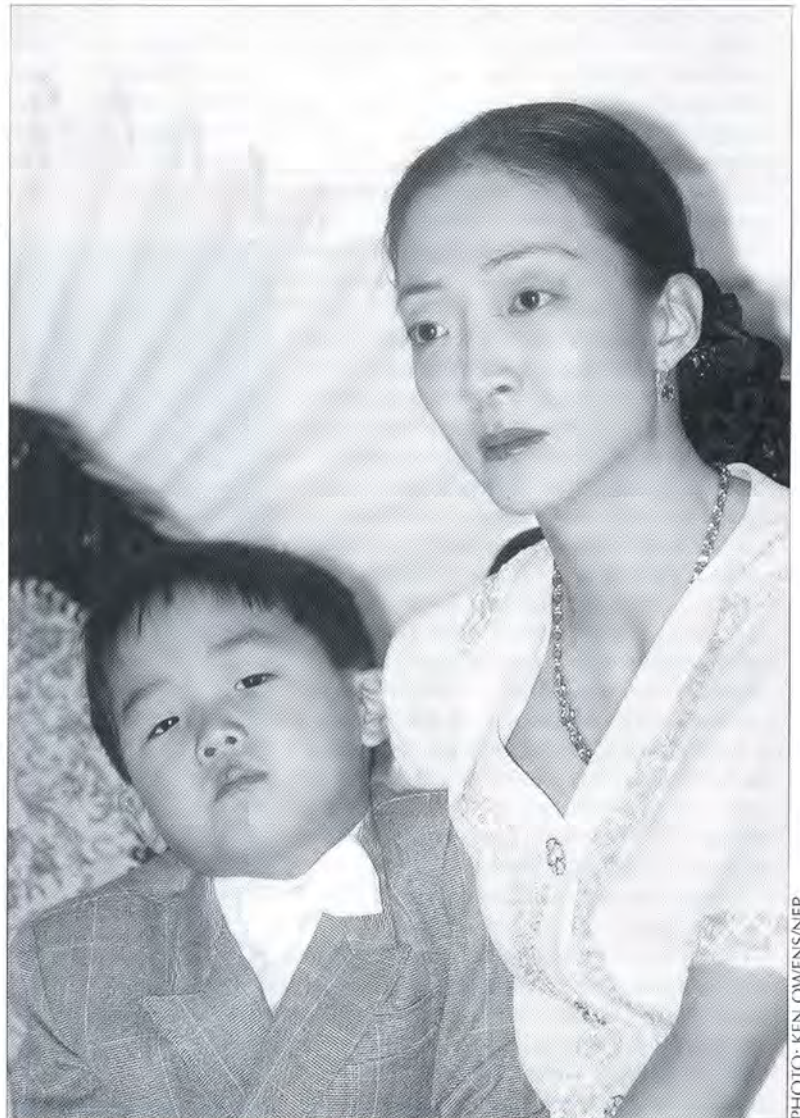
In the Last Days, the fight between the legal wife and the concubine appears in the form of free sex, which is destroying the world. Men are willing to enjoy illicit love

and seek concubines instead of their wife. This is taking place because Jacob's family did not restore the order of love.

MARY'S ROLE

At the time of Jesus, the same situation as in Jacob's family recurred. Mother Mary had to restore the position of Rachel and Leah. Zechariah's family was the extension of Jacob's family. Zechariah appeared as an ancestor who could change the blood lineage of the whole nation through his family. Elizabeth was the legal wife of Zechariah and the mother of John the Baptist. However, according to God's revelation, Mary was put between Zechariah and Elizabeth as a kind of concubine. In the secular world, such a woman may be called a whore.

However, whose concubine was Mary? Zechariah was the husband of her cousin on her mother's side. How could she



*Hoon Sook Nim and Shin Chul Nim. January 2, 1997.
São Paulo, Brazil.*

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Mary also had absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. These were the contents which God had revealed in Adam's family. Unless the tradition of absolute faith, love and obedience is established, God's will cannot be realized.

take away her relative's husband? It is impossible. However, because Zechariah and Elizabeth knew this providential fact through revelation and through Mary's explanation, Elizabeth welcomed Mary. Elizabeth's attitude was the reverse of that of Rachel and Leah, who tried to kill each other out of jealousy. Mary received the revelation that she would conceive the Messiah. Elizabeth also knew about Mary's situation and helped her accomplish God's will. Elizabeth guided Mary to her husband's room. Do you understand? She surrendered her husband to her younger relative.

What did Mary do in Zechariah's house for three months? They all lived together. It was difficult to conceive in just one or two days. When Mary returned to her house, she was pregnant. Since Elizabeth loved her younger relative, she handed over her husband to her. Even though her mind and heart were terribly painful and her body was like death, Elizabeth could overcome such a situation with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

Mary also had absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. These were the contents which God had revealed in Adam's family. Unless the tradition of absolute faith, love and obedience is established, God's will cannot be realized. Do you understand?

Thus, with absolute faith and love, Mary also loved her elder relative, Elizabeth. As Mary loved Elizabeth, she came to love Elizabeth's son and Elizabeth's husband. So, Mary deserved to be loved by Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist. However, John the Baptist did not fulfill his responsibility.

All of them seemed to be enemies of love. For Elizabeth, Mary and Mary's son were enemies of love. For Mary's husband, Zechariah and John the Baptist were enemies. However, restoration cannot take place based on enemy feelings. Thus you should know that if you have enemy feelings, the realm of Unification will disappear. In Zechariah's family, Elizabeth would have enemy feelings toward Mary, who deprived her of her husband. How much she must have suffered! In the end, she could not overcome this difficulty and maintain her love towards Mary.

It was easy for Mary to fulfill her mission, because she took over the position of elder sister and her son. However, the position of the legal wife was the most difficult. Do you understand?

In Zechariah's family, two blood lineages had to become one. Through this unity, the right of elder son was to be restored and the younger brother and older brother should have exchanged positions. Likewise, the mothers had to exchange positions, and the elder sister and younger sister had to exchange positions. Moreover, Zechariah

had to deny his old satanic blood lineage so Jesus could have the blood lineage as the Lord. How difficult all that was!

Because of the two maternal blood lineages in Jacob's family, the nations of Israel and Judea came into being. Moreover, these two blood lineages expanded their conflict to the worldwide level. Therefore, in order to resolve the problem of blood lineage, God's providence had to go back to the family level. Because Cain was divided in Adam's family, the father's blood lineage and the mother's blood lineage were divided in Jacob's family.

TWO BLOOD LINEAGES BEGIN TO EMERGE

Adam's family bore Satan's blood lineage. After the restoration of blood lineage, centering on mind and body, Jesus had to indemnify all the historical and providential contents from the past through his present time. He engaged in a serious fight to understand these providential contents. Even though God knows the contents of indemnity, He cannot reveal them. Satan also knows the contents of indemnity, but Satan cannot teach them. God could not say that the problem was the fallen blood lineage, which has to be cut off because the fall took place in the realm of incompleteness centered on illicit love. The same is true with Satan.



Father: "The holy blessing ceremony is the way to overcome everything and go beyond nation, race, culture, religion and tradition."

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In the future, these things should become known. After Adam and Eve learned the truth, Adam's family and tribe had to know it. However, because of the fall there were no such tribes. Satan cannot teach this truth either. Who has to teach it? In the providence of restoration, the Messiah has to come and replace the false life and false blood lineage.

Because Christianity lost Jesus' body, it had only the spiritual foundation. Christians shed blood because Satan continuously claims Jesus' body as his. Unless Christianity gains the victory by shedding blood, there is no way that Jesus' body can be found. The war which indemnified this whole historical process was World War II.

THE WORLD WARS

Why did World War II break out? Since Christianity offers spiritual salvation, the spiritual world cannot have a relationship with the substantial world. The Holy Spirit, which is the maternal God, comes and works between heaven and earth. Since Satan claims supremacy in this realm between heaven and earth, religious people have to penetrate it; unless one has a heart that goes beyond erotic love, one cannot penetrate this realm and meet Jesus.

Moreover, because Satan's world could not be liberated, people can devote themselves to prayer and connect to the spiritual world, but when they stop their devotion, the spiritual standard disappears. If you repeat this ten million times, the spiritual world comes closer, starting first from one point and gradually broadening until equalization finally happens. What is the time of equalization? It involves Cain, Abel, and the enemy world. It involves idealism and materialism. The material realm and the realm of thought were indemnified centering on World Wars I, II and III.

During World War II, Japan, Germany and Italy all had similar characteristics; they were satanic countries and followed various religions. England stood for monotheism, and America was a country to which England gave birth. Inheriting the Anglo-Saxon line, America was in the position of son, while England was in the position of mother. However, in the providence of restoration, the son, America, became the central country. Why? Because the son was in the providential position to receive the Messiah. Since Jesus did not establish a nation centered on him, the Messiah has to come a second time.

At the Second Advent, America had to take responsibility for the mother and the satanic things during World War II. After the victory, Christianity could be established on that victorious foundation. Therefore, America received the blessing. Then what kind of position does America have? America is in the position of the son who restores the right of the elder son on God's side. Do you understand?

There may be many countries, but there is only one center. America stood as the son on the worldwide foundation. As the elder son, America had to take care of the younger brother countries. In addition, it had to go up to the highest position and subjugate even the mother. However, ultimately, America had to receive the Messiah. Why should America receive the Messiah? Christianity is the bride which waits for the bride-

groom. The realm of the bride waited for Jesus, and now at the Second Coming the realm of the bride waits for the Lord of the Second Advent.

Who is the Lord of the Second Advent? People did not know that he would come as the son and the parent. Christianity did not know that. The purpose of providential history was to find the children by offering things and to establish the parents by sacrificing the children. The Unification Church has made the foundation for God to dwell on earth through the sacrifice of True Parents, which is the ideal of creation. Actually, the representative family of the world begins with Adam's family. The representative family of the world begins by carrying out all the contents of heaven and earth.

EQUALIZATION THROUGH THE BLESSING

At the Second Coming, the central family has to establish kingship, parenthood and elder sonship. The holy blessing ceremony of the Unification Church is to establish the blood lineage of True Parents, which is the worldwide foundation to build kingship, parenthood and elder sonship. The holy blessing ceremony is the way to overcome everything and go beyond nation, race, culture, religion and tradition. Therefore, the international holy blessing ceremony took place, and Satan was unable to find any condition to make false accusations. On the contrary, Satan cannot help but admit its value. Do you understand?

If you pass over the place, there is no son, no wife. In that place where God has blessed, there is no longer a country of origin. You should forget everything. After receiving the Blessing, if people ask, "Which university did that person graduate from?" or "Did he graduate from high school?" I will be upset with them. If people have that concept, the Blessing is a contradiction. The Blessing is equalization. The Blessing places people in the position of Adam and Eve. If the man or woman has some difficulty relating to the sexual organ, that can be a problem. But if he or she has no problem with concave and convex, that is all in the Blessing.

Once people receive the Blessing, there is neither family nor tradition, but only root. There is no father, mother, uncle or cousin. If you have a true father, mother and family, they will not oppose you at the time of the tribal blessing. If they oppose you, they are on Satan's side. Don't think of Satan's side as your side. Religions have ordered people to leave their home, to cut off from their old way of life and to go out like beggars leading very sacrificial lives. Be a person whom no one is concerned about. Don't have even your father or mother follow you. Go to the place where you alone can overcome.

There is no one behind you. What kind of life have you had until now? There is nothing to be proud of in the Unification Church, which has been under persecution. No matter what kind of career a person has or his level of university education, it has no meaning. I did not want to have even the name of Unification Church. You should know that. The elder Unificationists received the Blessing in the midst of persecution. They were not blessed after being liberated from persecution. In this sense, every authority belongs to me. Humankind's

Because of God, people can survive. That is the essence of absolute faith. What is next? Absolute love. And then? Absolute obedience. You should know that without absolute love, it is impossible to change the blood lineage.

only purpose and desire is for the True Parents to come. Christianity did not know that. Unificationists need unity with True Parents which is greater than the faith which Christians have in Jesus. You should know this clearly.

ABSOLUTE FAITH, LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

Do not complain about your position compared with your past career. No matter which country you may receive as national messiah, you have to be thankful for it. If Adam and Eve were ordered to live in a desert or on a mountain, they had to be able to survive there. Because of God, people can survive. That is the essence of absolute faith. What is next? Absolute love. And then? Absolute obedience. You should know that without absolute love, it is impossible to change the blood lineage.

What was the most important commandment in the Garden of Eden? Absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience. What is the meaning of God's commandment? It means not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. What is the fruit? It is the woman's sexual organ. Look around at that time. In the Garden of Eden, there was one woman and five men, the three archangels, Adam and God. Therefore, God warned Eve to be careful of men. That is, she had to protect her sexual organ absolutely. If she had absolute faith, how could she have believed the archangel?

Therefore, you should know how serious it was when God gave the commandment to Eve. The fruit means the woman's sexual organ. When it has a sexual relationship with a good man, it bears a good child. On the other hand, when it has a sexual relationship with someone from the Mafia, it bears the son of the Mafia. It can bear the fruit of good or evil.

In Korean, there is a term, "Do not eat." The term "having fruit" usually means that a woman seduces a man into having a sexual relationship. "Having fruit," in Korean, has a meaning that comes from revelation. When we interpret these words providentially, they are liberated.

Then what should the Lord of the Second Advent do at the time of the Blessing? Because the offerings of the Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age failed, in the Completed Testament Age, True Parents themselves became the sacrificial offering. Even if True Parents are sacrificed ten million times, they have to make the foundation for God to dwell on earth. If you died ten million times without accomplishing God's ideal, the way of resurrection will be opened when God's ideal is realized on earth. You have to go with such a spirit. Do you understand?

What is your situation? You cannot do as you like. If you do as you like, you cannot go the way of restoration. I have heard that people claim that every action between man and woman is permitted except sexual intercourse. Who taught such things? It should be disclosed. When God's nation is established, everything will be disclosed. In the spiritual world, such people will be kicked out. When the angels investigate, such people will be separated from the holy place.

Such people have to be disclosed before the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing. What foolish words these are! How can you say

that everything between man and woman is fine as long as you do not pass over the limitation? In the Garden of Eden, could a man or woman deal with this without passing over the limitation? It is a great concern what will become of such people and their blood lineage. Even if they go to pioneer a desert, they are still the biggest trouble, because they are spiritual beings. This cannot be easily removed completely.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

England, America and France had to receive me and unite with me, but they sent me out to the wilderness. For thousands and thousands of years, God has been preparing the providence of salvation in order to establish the ideal of purifying the family through the change of blood lineage by the Messiah. But how can I change the blood lineage when they expelled me? You should be the sacrificial offerings so True Parents can overcome this.

You blessed families cannot be separated from each other. Make an offering. However, offerings have to be divided. Therefore, when it was an important time, husbands were divided from wives, sons and daughters. Only when you obey the will, can the way be opened for your sons and daughters to be saved. That is the sacrificial offering.

From this viewpoint, the Unification Church has failed and all Christianity, which represented the realm of the bride, has also failed. Because the Allied nations failed, I abandoned them. Instead of them, I took Japan, Germany and Italy, which were on the side of Satan, because Satan took England, America and France. God could not give two realms to Satan. Therefore, God took Japan, Germany and Italy instead. Without establishing Japan, which is a superstitious country, as a maternal country, there would be no condition for the Lord of the Second Advent to dwell on earth.

I was expelled to the wilderness. Therefore, for the sake of God's side, faithful groups appeared to oppose absolutely the way of England, America and France. Denominations divided. Heretical groups appeared in opposition to traditional Christianity. As many heretics appear, I have to find the way for a new orthodoxy to come out of them which can remain until the end. This is stunning news. Therefore, I could not cheer mansei when the time of liberation came. You should know the way you have to go. This continues until the day of Ae Seung II, the Day of Victory of Love.

You all disliked offering your family, however. Without becoming a sacrificial offering as a four-position foundation for the Son's sake and God's sake, no one can go beyond the indirect dominion. In order to enter the direct dominion, you have to gain the victory by offering your sons and daughters. This is the formula for entering the direct dominion. Do you understand?

While we are eating and living in the satanic world, we have to be sacrificial offerings until the end. Therefore, there cannot be any objection when Adam's country, Eve's country and Cain's country are mobilized. However, since the level of tribal messiahship failed, sacrificial families of four-position foundations have to be offered at the national level. This is the course which the national messiahs have to pass through.

Since Eve and the archangel united in the Garden of Eden and expelled her legal husband, at the time of restoration, Eve becomes united with the Lord of the Second Advent and has to expel the archangel by restoration through indemnity.



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“The condition upon which you can receive the Blessing is to deny yourselves, because after the fall of Adam at the age of 16, Satan multiplied all humankind centering on fallen Adam’s body.”

Nations which can contribute sacrificial families are needed. In order to do that, you have to restore the things which Jesus failed to do, centering on 33 people and then 780 people. In western countries, the wife precedes her husband. The time has come when the wife has all the authority in the family, and the sons and daughters do not believe their father but their mother. Therefore, if a wife divorces her husband, she can take all the children. If women are restored, the family standards of elder sonship and second sonship can be restored

on the horizontal level. Therefore, True Parents have fulfilled the restoration through indemnity for parentship, elder sonship, and second sonship. By doing so, True Parents have pulled all of history towards the plain. Do you understand?

After pulling up the women’s level centering on True Father, all women become part of True Parents’ body. In other words, the women of the world are part of True Mother’s body. Whose body do all the men of the world belong to? Are they parts of True Father’s body? No. Every man is part of the archangel’s body.

Who is the owner? At the time of Adam, three persons fell. After the fall, the archangel and Eve united and expelled the owner. However, at the Second Coming, Eve is to separate from the archangel, unite with her sons and daughters, and love True Parents absolutely, more than anybody else. These are not my words; they are the Principle viewpoint. You have to know this clearly.

With whom should women and their children unite? They must unite with the true Messiah. Therefore, in the Last Days, there are three figures: Eve, the archangel and Adam. Since Eve and the archangel united in the Garden of Eden and expelled her legal husband, at the time of restoration, Eve becomes united with the Lord of the Second Advent and has to expel the archangel by restoration through indemnity. By denying her present husband and the external, satanic environment, she has to contribute to the history of True Parents by herself.

The condition upon which you can receive the Blessing is to deny yourselves, because after the fall of Adam at the age of 16, Satan multiplied all humankind centering on fallen Adam’s body. Thus, on the foundation of the original positions of Adam, Eve and the archangel, the Blessing can be given.

Who is your father? Your father is the archangel. Who is your mother? If she follows her husband, she becomes the arch-

angel’s wife, and her sons and daughters become the archangel’s sons and daughters. However, because God cannot destroy everybody, He engrafts them to the restored Eve by true love.■

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Save the People, Save the Country ... Now!

Rev. Chang Shik Yang
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Washington DC

How are you, brothers and sisters? Real spring has come upon us. The spring fragrance is filling our Washington DC metro area and community. Spring in Washington DC is beautiful. The magnolias and cherry blossoms make beautiful flower parks around the city.

As you know, True Father came to visit Washington from March 23 to 27 to inaugurate the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace. As the representative of the Washington DC community, I was fortunate to have the chance to serve and attend True Father. I would like to convey his heart and love to each of our community members and families.

True Father spoke a total of three times to over 400 martial arts grandmasters from 120 nations who attended the conference. During the time of True Father's visit here, we were also able to listen to True Mother's speech live from Korea via international phone line. I invited all of you to be a part of this, and I believe that many of you came and enjoyed experiencing True Father's and True Mother's love.

How much they love(d) each other! It makes us ponder what is absolute love between a husband and a wife. True Father and True Mother were separated for awhile physically, but they are absolutely united heartistically and spiritually. That was not a "show." They wanted to let us see their true love and teach us as well. We want to inherit true love through our True Parents in terms of a true husband and wife relationship. Absolute love comes from absolute unity between two people who are one in heart.

The 3.6 Million Couples Blessing is drawing nearer, but mostly True Parents are standing at the front of the front line. In early March, True Father and True Mother started a grand tour through 22 cities in South Korea that ended on April 3. At the end of each of her speeches, True Mother mentioned the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing in Washington DC. Similarly, when True Father gave the farewell address to the martial arts grandmasters here in DC, he invited them all to the Blessing! Truly, our True Father and True Mother are in the forefront of the mobilization front line proclaiming and pro-

moting the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing!

There is no doubt that the DC metro area is now the holy place to be prepared for the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing. Washington is the world's most famous capital. Even the smallest event in this city attracts worldwide attention and becomes worldwide news. That is why everyone is concerned about what happens here, even Heavenly Father! Also, Washington DC is the political city of the world. It is the center of all the democratic nations of the world. That is why the rest of the world sends its ambassadors and politicians here to study the standard of democracy.

Yet on the other hand, Washington is corrupt in terms of ethics and morality. Many families are broken. The United States has the highest divorce rate in the world - 65 percent of all new marriages in America fail (Insight, 6/17/96, p. 9). Within six months of marriage, 50 percent of newlyweds begin to doubt their marriage will last, 39 percent report "big fights" at least once a week, and 4 percent had already separated for at least one night (Philadelphia Inquirer, 1994).

At this point, I would like to mention a few facts about the problem of AIDS. This disease was only discovered in 1981 but has since become one of the deadliest of epidemics. Every day 8,500 people around the world are infected with the AIDS virus.

In 1996, 1.5 million people died of AIDS. This is more than the entire Vietnam War. During the 10 years of that war, 1.2 million people died, but AIDS claimed 1.5 million in a single year. According to the World Health Organization, by the end of December 1996, 29 million people were infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Among them, 6.4 million people died, including 1.4 million children! It is expected that 8.4 million people will die within the next two to three years.

Furthermore, in the U.S. alone, more than 411,000 people have already died of AIDS. America is actually the nation with the worst AIDS problem. In 1992, Professor Turner Palmer of the Harvard Institute of Cancer mentioned that AIDS

will increase through heterosexual relations. It is projected that in the year 2010, the world population will be well over 6 billion and out of this one-sixth, or more than 1 billion people, will be infected with the AIDS virus. This is worse than any nuclear war!

I personally have been concerned about AIDS since 1992, and with some of our brothers I have established an AIDS-prevention organization in Korea. So far, we have educated 500,000 Koreans through 1,500 lectures and over 1 million counseling sessions. I am convinced that we can completely prevent AIDS using our True Parents' teachings.

Even though AIDS is the most terrible disease, it is also very clear how we can prevent it 100 percent. There are only three ways by which AIDS is transmitted: over 85 percent is contracted sexually; the other two ways are by exchange of blood (e.g., via drug addicts sharing dirty needles and via blood transfusions) and from the mother to her child at birth. AIDS is mostly transmitted sexually.

Brothers and sisters, a couple of weeks ago, I met a famous senior minister in Washington DC who has done social work for more than twenty years. He told me that in certain areas of DC, 30 percent of high school students have already been infected with AIDS. Also, Washington has far more crime per capita than any other city in America. From now on, I want to launch a movement to stop this trend and save this city!

On the right hand of our movement is the True Family Values Ministry and on the left hand is the prevention movement against AIDS. Everyone is worried about AIDS, even President Clinton. In January, Clinton initiated the AIDS conference.

But actually no one has a clear answer to the issue of stopping the disease. Only we do. So far, all AIDS-prevention groups mention condoms, safe sex, etc., as their methods of prevention. But I would like to emphasize to young people "no sex before marriage and no condoms" and to married couples "absolute sex with their spouse only!"

Therefore, I hereby initiate the New
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God's Providence in Uruguay

By Daniel Stringer
Montevideo-Uruguay

OUR True Parents have been exceptionally active in Uruguay recently, as this small but significantly located nation takes on an ever-increasing role in the providence. Three recent conferences at the newly expanded Victoria Plaza Hotel in downtown Montevideo highlight Father's hopes not only for this country but for the entire continent of South America.

Federation to Save the New Nation

Eight hundred participants from twenty-nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean gathered here for the inaugural meeting of the Federation to Save the New Nation for World Peace from September 11-15, 1996. The purpose of the federation is to provide a foundation upon which to launch the Family Federation for World Peace and ultimately to develop the True Family movement.

The participants were of the highest level, composed predominantly of congressmen, members of parliament and senators, university deans and professors, current and former government ministers and clergy. Included were the former prime ministers from the island nations of St. Kitts, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the rector of the Catholic University of Ecuador.

True Father addressed the distinguished assembly on three occasions beginning with the Founder's Address: "A View of the Providential History of Salvation"; later with a speech entitled "In Search of the Origin of the Universe"; and, in a surprise departure from the program, an extemporaneous speech at the closing banquet.

The main body of the conference was two days of Divine Principle lectures presented by Dr. Thomas Ward and Mr. Steven Boyd. Mr. George Guldenzof presented talks on the life and works of Sun Myung Moon, and the vision of the Federation to Save the New Nation for Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. Ward spoke at one point about the upcoming Blessing and was encouraged to see how many participants actually filled out application forms for the November 1997 event.

Before leaving, the participants of the conferences were delighted to have the chance for a photo session with Father, who posed with each of the 29 delegations separately, a lasting memory of their contribution to world peace through principled values as expressed from the family to the global levels.

Federation of Continental Nations

Following closely on the heels of this sizable event was a more compact gathering of South American representatives who stayed on at the Victoria Plaza, now a five star world class hotel, to launch the South American chapter of the Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace (FCNWP). As humankind races toward the finish line of this millennium, Father sees all too clearly the need for more efficient international mechanisms for global conflict resolution. With the speed of advancing technology, communication and transportation, the fragility of the old international bodies has become increasingly transparent.

As a sister movement of the federations of island and peninsular nations, FCNWP similarly will mobilize an increased "global conscience" to translate scientific

advances "into social and economic development and social justice for all," according to the draft version of its declaration of purpose.

Rev. Hideo Oyamada of Brazil presented the Founder's Address on behalf of Father in the presence of some 45 delegates, including the former president of Ecuador, Guillermo R. Lara, and a multitude of ambassadors, politicians and university administrators. The context in which Father places the new federation is a serious one, as he expressed: "After the First and Second World Wars, the League of Nations and then the United Nations were established to prevent further conflict. However, the global work of these organizations has not brought about a peaceful world."

Master of Ceremonies, Hon. Antonio Betancourt, of the Summit Council for World Peace in Washington DC, orchestrated a variety of presentations by such speakers as Dr. Rafael Addiego Bruno, former provisional president of Uruguay and three-term president of its Supreme Court of Justice; Professor Antonio Guerra, vice minister of education and culture for Uruguay; Norman Kurland, presi-

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Mother receives a plaque from a member of the Women's Federation for World Peace in Uruguay.

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Ground Breaking at Chung Pyung Lake and Sun Moon University

March 10-11, 1997



(Top r.) Father and Mother show a model of the new training center at Chung Pyung Lake.

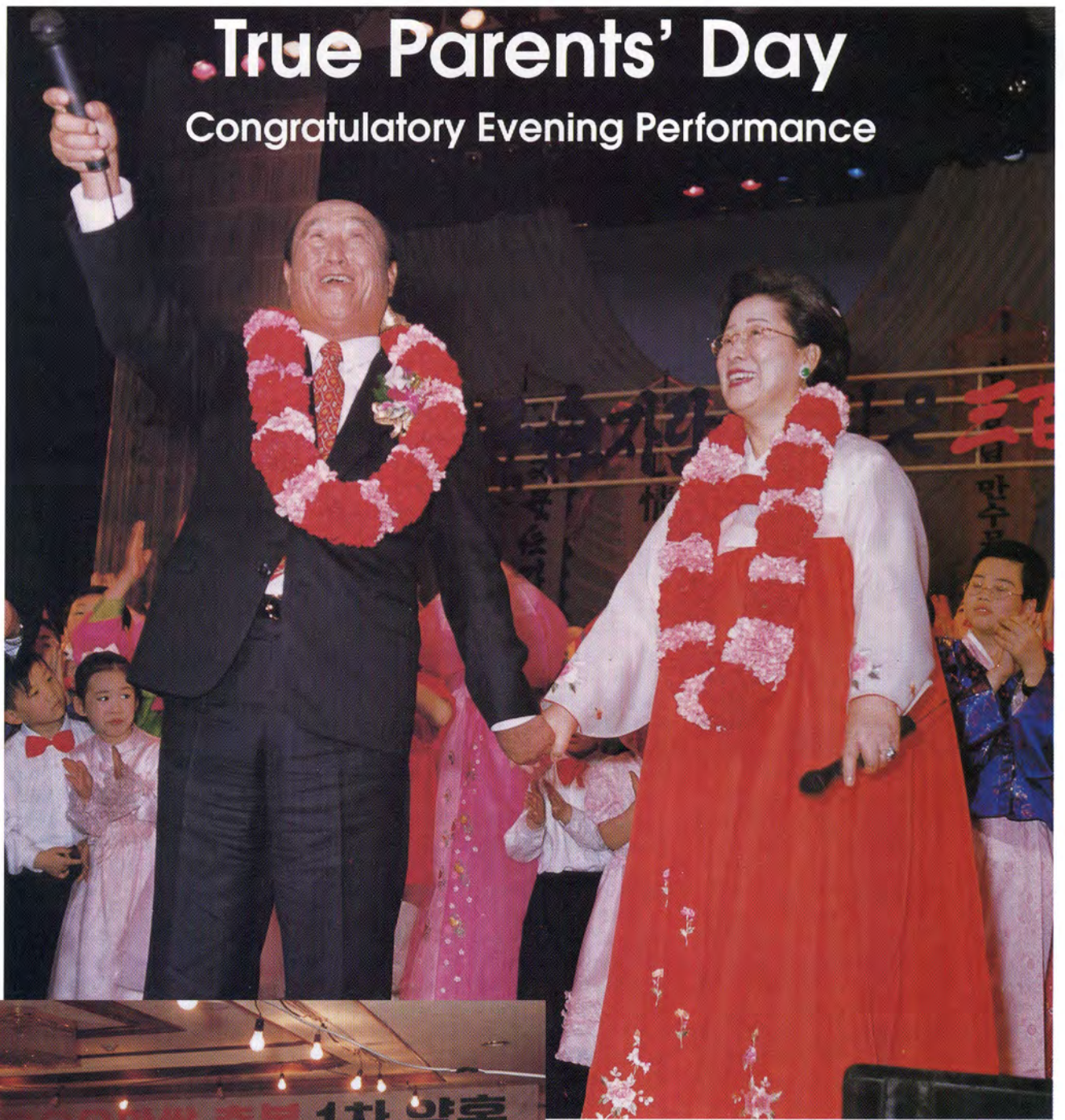
(Center) True Parents lead the ground breaking for the new International Training Center. March 10, 1997.



Ground breaking for the new main building of Sun Moon University. March 11, 1997.

True Parents' Day

Congratulatory Evening Performance



(Above) True Parents lead the closing song at the True Parents' Day Entertainment in Seoul, Korea. April 18, 1997.



Father matches 500 couples in Seoul, Korea. April 3, 1997. (Photos: Korean Cultural Department)



The North American Leadership 40-Day Workshop

Dr. Tyler Hendricks

March 2, 1997

Manhattan Center, New York City

A number of years ago True Father convened a meeting with a number of Ph.D. students and began by asking us a simple question. Father asked, "You believe in the spirit world don't you?" I was struck at that moment because I had reached a point in my life where my response would have been that I indeed did believe in the Divine Principle, the spirit world, etc. But did I really believe in the spirit world in subject position to the physical world? Was I really serious about True Father's work in the spirit world, and the presence of spirit world in my daily life? Father had struck a chord, asking a crucial question.

All the conditions Father makes on earth are for the victory in the spirit realm, for the sake of mobilizing the spirit world. Chung Pyung Lake is a place where the spirit world is absolutely in the subject position. In order for us physical people, whose lives and missions are very much centered on the physical world, to bring ourselves into the right relationship with the spirit world, we subjugate our physical bodies. We need to close down much of the physical stimulation which tends to keep us so absorbed and stressed out with physical world activities. The purpose of Chung Pyung Lake is to enable us to meet God. We know that we meet God through subjugating our physical bodies. Therefore, life at Chung Pyung Lake is a life of sacrifice.

Through our physical sacrifice we can meet God. The purpose of the 40-day workshop is not so that we might learn Divine Principle in a more deeply intellectual sense. It is the same Divine Principle. But the purpose of Chung Pyung Lake is to remove our fallen nature and to enable us to liberate ourselves from evil spirits. It is a different purpose to a traditional workshop. It is a purpose which causes one to confront oneself, to ask ourselves, "what have we been doing with our lives?" "What kind of heart and relationships do we have?" "What kind

of luxuries, conveniences or excuses have we been making for ourselves?" "Why have we remained in such a rut for so many years spiritually?" We realized at Chung Pyung Lake that if something does not intervene from God then we will remain in this same rut for the rest of our lives on earth, comforting and congratulating ourselves, having our little victories or defeats, but still remaining at the same level. We need some kind of dynamite underneath our spiritual lives in order to shake loose all the concepts, illusions, self-deceptions, jealousy, anger and resentments that we carry with us. The unredeemed sins of misused sexuality, misused public funds, and hurting other people's hearts. If we don't have something to shake us up we tend to become very comfortable with our present state of being.

What we realized at Chung Pyung Lake was that all of those sinful experiences manifest themselves as they connect to ongoing behavior, words, thoughts and actions that we carry out in our every day life. When we carry these out, spirits connect to us. The spirit world is very alive. True Father has opened up all the gates of the spirit world. All the spirits are coming down. These are the Last Days. For centuries spirits normally had a very difficult time to reach the earth. But now spirits can come very freely, even from the lowest realms of the spirit world. They attach themselves to us. Sin is a condition which makes a base for us to have give and take with Satan. When we commit even small sins they lead to bigger sins. Small or large evil spirits attach themselves to us when we make a common base. They receive evil vitality elements from us, especially from blessed couples.

What we learned at Chung Pyung Lake is that we have so much heavy baggage in our hearts and our minds. Our patterns of thinking are not simply our own psychology, our own habitual thought patterns, but rather they are connected

to actual spirits that are attached to us. But we can be liberated from them. Physical and spiritual illness is all connected to the spiritual world. It is connected through our long relationship through bad conditions that we have made. Of course, physical illness normally has a physical base, but there is a deep relationship with the spiritual side of our existence as well.

The purpose of Chung Pyung Lake is to give us the chance to liberate ourselves from these spirits. Daemo-nim is not a doctor for us to visit and receive a cure. We go there to treat ourselves. This was her guidance to us all the time: we can and must solve our own problems. She created the entire atmosphere in order for us to cure ourselves. This is our responsibility, our five percent. This is what is so confrontational. We are able to free ourselves and our descendants and go to the Kingdom of Heaven. We can completely liberate ourselves from 6,000 years of sin, if we want to. It is all up to us. We simply need to ask ourselves if we really want to liberate ourselves.

The next step was, do we really believe this? This was another fundamental guidance: that we open our hearts and have faith that what is happening is true. The spirit world really exists. The angels are real. The spirits are real. These are not concepts. If you really believe it, then are you prepared to work with it? This is the real meaning of faith. This is what we are confronted with when we go to Chung Pyung Lake for forty days.

Special geography

Chung Pyung Lake was purchased in 1971. Father knew that this was a very special place. Even I, an uneducated westerner, could see that it is a very well-balanced meeting place of steep mountains, deep water and very pure air. There are huge mountains, deep ravines and a large lake, which narrows to a couple hundred yards across at the point of the workshop

site. On both sides of the narrows are dramatic mountains with holy grounds at their top. One, across the water, we never accessed, but the one above the workshop site we climbed to every day. When you climb to the top of the mountain and look out, it is hard to imagine that Seoul is just fifty miles away. There are ranges upon ranges of mountains in every direction.

The famous gate to the Chung Pyung workshop site is an important boundary. The angels remain inside; once you go outside the gate, the angelic help is no longer with you. Nobody goes out through this gate during the workshop unless there is a health reason. The workshops take place in tent-like structures with concrete beneath ondol (heated) floors. There is aluminum scaffolding covered by heavy tarpaulin where the eating area is. When there is a high wind it is pretty shaky. One night we felt as if there was a blizzard outside, the walls were shaking so much, but it was only the strong wind.

If you continue around the corner of this ravine going up the mountains you come to the structures where the workshops take place. Daemo-nim's quarters are here, together with a special prayer room and meeting room for counseling. Above this structure is a bathroom, both permanent structures. Then there are more tent-like structures. First is the one for the western members and then there is a larger structure, twice as big, for the Japanese 40-day workshops. Then there is another large one for the 3-day workshops. These 3-day workshops are going on almost continually; when we were there, the 170th 3-day workshop to take place in the last two years came and went. Then the next step on the path leveled out is a larger area which is centered upon the Tree of Love. That is the first of the five holy trees. Directly across from the Tree of Love there was a hill which has now been flattened. There, an area the size of a couple of football fields exists now. This is where an education center for 10,000 people, topped by a global conference center for True Parents, is going to be built. It is directly across from the Tree of Love. This is a very commanding point where you can see out in every direction. It is a very beautiful spot.

Continuing up the hill is another very large structure for the Korean 40-day workshops. Then if you continue up a very steep paved road, at a walking distance of about fifteen minutes, you come to the area where the spring of holy water is, the Water of Life. Three more special trees are situated surrounding the spring of the Water of Life. First, the

Tree of Heart, then the Tree of All Things, and finally, directly above the Water of Life, the Tree of Loyalty. From there begins a much narrower and rougher path up the mountain. Another fifteen minutes hike up this steep trail brings one to the final tree, the Tree of Blessing. We walked this path and prayed at the five trees every morning, and we drank the Water of Life every morning and anytime during the day. According to our schedules, individuals would go up during the daytime or at night to visit the different trees. Especially the Tree of Love, which was close to our activities, was a popular place. We were encouraged to pray at the Tree of Love.

At each tree you pray for that specific realm. There are special angels at each tree that deal with specific issues. The Tree of Love: the misuse of love and sexual sins. The Tree of Heart: opening of our hearts, developing our heartistic relationships. The Tree of All Things deals with material things, the use of money and assets, and the multiplication of children. The Tree of Loyalty: loyalty to our central figures, loyalty to True Parents and to God. Finally, the Tree of Blessing which connects to our own Blessing and the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing. We could deal with the challenges that we have in these areas at these specific trees, praying and engaging the angelic world.

Liberation ceremonies

The central activities of the workshop were the liberation ceremonies, three of which, each seventy minutes long, took place each day, one after each meal. They consisted of singing a holy song, "Grace of the Holy Garden," continually for the entire period, at a rapid clip, clapping at a 4/4 tempo with all our strength. As the Promise Keepers say, "real men sing loud" and we definitely sang loudly. The purpose of the clapping is very unique and deep. It is not just to keep the tempo, although it surely does that, creating a powerful atmosphere.

Daemo-nim said that our evil spirits are lodged between the cells of our body. They are really in our bodies. The Bible also mentions this, as does Divine Principle. St. Paul said that the law of sin "dwells in my members." To get rid of them, you have to shake them and try to dislodge them. Daemo-nim said they

get intoxicated and disoriented and loosen their hold. Then the angels who are experts at pulling out evil spirits come and remove them. Where they take them to is another special blessing of Chung Pyung Lake. In the Bible, it tells how Jesus removed evil spirits, but those spirits were able to return, and with their friends. Many spiritualists today can take out evil spirits, but they can return to the host, with other spirits. But the victory of Daemo-nim and Heung Jin Nim led to their dominion over these very strong angels, whom they employ to assist us.

Immediately after the lunar New Year, Daemo-nim said that God had sent His own angels to Chung Pyung Lake to work with us. These are the top angels. These angels take the removed spirits to Heung Jin Nim's 100-day workshop in the spirit world. Spirits who do not want to go there are taken on a tour by him of the spirit world so they can fully understand what is going on. It is that kind of reality education. After this 100-day workshop, these spirits are prepared to receive the Blessing next November 29, 1997. True Parents will not only bless 3.6 million couples on earth, but also in the spirit world. What a grace, a miracle, for these spirits to receive the blessing in the spiritual world. I was always witnessing to my spirits how great it would be for them to go up to that workshop; much better than hanging around with me here on earth. Then they can return and work with us from a position of a resurrected spirit. At that point is where judgment returns to us. After we return from Chung Pyung Lake, we should be working for the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing. After they are blessed these spirits return to us. If we are working strongly for God's providence, they will multiply our work 100-fold. They are our mobilized spirit world. But if we are slacking off and devi-



Dr. Tyler Hendricks, his wife, Hye Yong, In Hwa (top) and In Sun on his lap.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF DR. TYLER HENDRICKS



True Parents pray before cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the new Chung Pyung Lake Training Center. March 10, 1997.

ating, they will become agents of God's punishment, or, let us say, a wake-up call to us. This is a reality we were told at Chung Pyung Lake.

Only at Chung Pyung Lake are there angels who can cooperate and take out the spirits. People were very serious to cleanse themselves. It did seem that the more we went through, the more cleansed and liberated one felt. Several people had marked improvement of physical health as well.

Keeping the schedule

The other two sessions in the morning and afternoon were devoted to reading *Exposition of the Divine Principle*. The new translation was appreciated by everyone. We would have three readers each session at the microphone. Everyone would read along out loud. It became a very powerful experience. The unison reading of the Divine Principle mobilizes the spirit world, illuminates your mind and heart. Of course it is not without challenges. You have to fight against sleep. But as you confront many things, you are learning Divine Principle in a much deeper way. We read the entire book through eight times during the forty days. During the evenings there were two more sessions

which were devoted to lecture practice and reading True Father's words and giving testimonies. We would finish at 11:40 p.m. and then would take our holy candles and go up to the Tree of Love for a group midnight prayer.

Sometimes there were 2,000 - 3,000 people gathered at the Tree of Love for the closing prayer; a short prayer and singing *Song of the Garden* and closing the day together.

Daemo-nim is like Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a prophet who came and wrought awful warnings of judgment on the sinners of his age. I really felt that Daemo-nim was a modern day Jeremiah. Because she is a woman, there is a certain softness to her delivery, but she delivers a powerful indictment of our condition. She would say, "If you could see yourselves spiritually, you would be so afraid; you would realize you are destined for hell." She would beg and plead with us to wake up and become serious and work hard, because we are just covered, infiltrated with evil spirits. She told us that the evil spirits do not just disappear when we die physically, but they go to our children. It is for the sake of our children, then, that we have to liberate ourselves. Our children inherit everything that we

have spirits in every cell, huge volumes. Don't fall asleep. Never take it easy. Not one of you can go to the Kingdom of Heaven. All of your spirits are going to go to your children. You are your children's ancestors. If you live wrongly then your descendants will suffer. You don't want to do evil, but evil spirits make you do evil. If you work hard you can see the evil spirits inside of you. You must win the battle against Satan. You can never sleep. Satan is making you sleep. These forty days is your chance to go to the Kingdom of Heaven and to save your children." Father gave so much responsibility to Daemo-nim.

Personal testimony

I would like to take the last few minutes to give a personal testimony. I received a lot of spiritual support at Chung Pyung. For the first thirty-four days of the workshop I was doing fine, in a way. I was designated the director of the Western workshop and we ended up directing the national messiahs as well. But it really wasn't a big challenge because the workshop runs itself. It is self-motivating, with the same schedule every day. It was just a matter of keeping things on course. I made it my goal to, as a mini-

do not resolve; this is the meaning of inherited sin. Once we are in the spirit world, how can we reach our children? It is not even easy to come back and communicate with them. Even if we could they might not listen. If we cannot communicate with our own children here on the earth, how can we expect to do so from the spirit world?

She told us that we might have to wake up our own children if they are going in the wrong direction because of the evil conditions that we made and they inherited because we never resolved them. She was really strong on that. We were pleading for the sake of our lineage.

Chung Pyung Lake is the only place where you can liberate yourself and save your second and third generation. Daemo-nim told us, "Father is begging me to get all the evil spirits off of you. You

mum, absolutely maintain the schedule. I thought that maintaining the schedule was the bottom line. That is hard enough in itself, no sleep in the daytime, no dozing off. Just eat the food that I'm given, be on time for everything, fulfill all the conditions, work with all of my effort and try to be a good example. I apparently did that successfully for most of the workshop, because many people told me that I was inspirational to them. I was always humbled, because I was just trying to keep the schedule. But I surely was grateful if God could use me to inspire people.

At the same time, I was having no spiritual experiences. Right and left, people were giving their testimonies of angels appearing and other spiritual phenomena. I didn't have any of this happen. One brother said that he had a bad back for many years which no one was able to cure. One day he was walking down the mountain and he stumbled and fell. There are all kinds of rough spots down the mountain paths there, rocks and protruding roots, and something like that hit him as he fell right on his back, exactly in the place that solved his back problem! However, I had no such experience. I had no trouble to climb the mountain; I just went up and came down. My challenge was to get more deep about it! I began to wonder what was happening. I wondered if it was a test of my faith to believe everything even though I wasn't experiencing it myself. I did believe. I was set to go through the whole workshop without any special experiences, because it was a wonderful experience anyway. I felt so much spiritual support enabling me to physically maintain everything. I really didn't feel sleepy. There really were no problems for me—except for an increasingly sore back from sitting cross-legged on the floor ten hours a day.

Then, one early morning in the last week of the workshop, I woke up with pains in my mid-section. I couldn't move for quite a while. Two or three hours later it was time for Pledge Service (it was a Sunday). It took me half an hour to get my clothes on. All of a sudden I was struck physically and couldn't function well at all. I thought perhaps I had not drunk enough water and so I began drinking water. Certain external reasons came to mind. But the external is only that; external. There is always an internal cause and indeed, from that point on, my heart began to really open up. I don't know why. But just when I hit my physical limitation, I felt so sorry to God. That day I went through the liberation

ceremony struggling, but still I made it. Then during the Divine Principle reading, I just couldn't make it sitting on the floor. I just had to get up and sit in a chair and one brother, so generously, gave up his chair. I sat down on his chair and tried to read and began crying and crying. My heart just opened up. I really hardly ever cry, maybe once every ten years. But the gates to my heart opened and I couldn't stop crying.

During the next several days of liberation ceremonies, all of a sudden I would begin crying. This was such a big breakthrough for me. I felt so much repentance when I was crying. My physical limitation is really a shadow of my spiritual limitation. Working so hard, but somewhere inside there is something very wounded, very broken. I repented so much in my heart for my attitude to True Parents and my attitude to Reverend Pak that I just cannot be a good enough leader. I hold a certain position and responsibility, but internally, deep inside, I am a man of so much failure. So much incapability to give the fruits to True Parents for America. This kind of really deep sorrow I felt at Chung Pyung Lake in those final days. I am so grateful that I was able to get in touch with that awful reality within myself, and at least repent honestly and deeply for it. Even the repentance is cleansing.

Throughout the workshop we had been hearing about these angels at each of the trees. But I had not had any experience of them consciously, so I thought that maybe a lot was happening unconsciously. But on the 38th night, I was praying just the same as I had any other night. As usual I would pray, "Angel of the Tree of Love, please take out the spirits in me which I have accumulated due to so many sins of love." All of a sudden on this particular night, as soon as I requested the angel to take out those spirits I felt this sucking sensation pulling something out from my body. It was as if there was a huge suction cup above my head. I felt it pulling from the bottom of my feet up through the front of my body and top of my head and out. It kind of pulled my body forward. I realized it was truly happening to me. The more I repented and requested for it to be taken out, the more I felt this sensation. Then the public prayer ended. Then the angel very matter-of-factly said, "Is that all? You can ask anytime and we can do this." So I prayed, as I usually did, for a few moments after the prayer ended, and asked the same thing and had the same experience. Whenever I went to the Tree of Love after that I would ask for it to happen and I felt that

kind of experience.

I feel so grateful to God for this experience. It is really true. I always had believed it in faith, but to have your spiritual and physical senses resonating with each other so that your spiritual experience is felt as a physical experience brings it all to a whole different dimension. It is so elevating. I realized that it is really true that the angels are there and waiting for us. It took me 38 days to experience it myself. I don't care if it takes one day or 38 days, it is all up to God and my own effort. But for me it happened right at the end. I feel so grateful to God and I do feel so empty in a way, spiritually. I feel good. (Applause) I feel tired. But I feel spiritually strong and very determined.

Chung Pyung Lake is really a foundation of faith. It is a 40-day period of separation from Satan. Whenever there was a 40-day condition in the Bible, Satan always attacked at the end. The spies went into Canaan for forty days and Satan attacked at the end with the false reports and the attempt to stone Joshua and Caleb. Moses was up the mountain for forty days fasting. He came down the mountain and Satan attacked and he broke the tablets. There were four hundred years waiting for Abraham, and then he had to make the three offerings. Satan attacked at the three offerings. Satan came to Jesus at the end of the forty-day fast.

Therefore, as we reached the end of the 40 days, I warned everyone that when they return, Satan will take the opportunity to claim the forty days if he can. He will invade the stage of creating the foundation of substance. The foundation of substance means unity with your central figure. Unity with Abel. I have made a very sincere effort to make better unity with Reverend Pak and True Parents.

The Korean regional directors were all on the floor together with us; same level, same schedule, same everything, but they were really the heartistic elders and parents to everyone. We really came to appreciate the Korean regional directors and the KEA leaders. They were all such an inspiration to us all. Thank you for this opportunity to give this report. God bless you.■

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Report from Costa Rica

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RIGHT now Central and South America have become the front line where the providence of God and True Parents is being developed and is progressing. In each of the 33 nations of Central and South America where 120 Japanese women missionaries have arrived, they are now engaged in a heavenly battle. Of course all of the other nations in Central and South America are having similar experiences but I would like to focus on the activities of Costa Rica, my mission country.

My report is more than anything else a testimony to, and living proof of, God and True Parents' providence being carried out on the front line. As soon as I heard that 120 Japanese women missionaries would come to each nation of Central and South America, I started praying. I asked God to please help us so that we can do whatever True Parents want us to do with the help of these 120 missionaries. There are many hundreds of countries in the world, but True Parents must have a specific purpose and providential goal in the Central and South American countries. That is why they are sending the 120 women missionaries to these countries. Therefore, I would like to be totally united with True Parents' goal and achieve God's providence in my country, Costa Rica. So I prayed, "Please, God, help me to be able to do that kind of mission here in my country."

One night, two weeks prior to the arrival of the Japanese missionaries, I was awakened eight times during the night; each time I received some revelation or inspiration from God regarding what to do with the Japanese missionaries when they arrived. God revealed to me the kind of plans and also the general attitude we should have in order to achieve the goal given by True Parents. It was not just a one-stream direction from God; but each time I was awakened there was a direct order from God to do this or to do that. Therefore, I kept notes each time as I received these revelations and directions. I have been following Father and the Unification Church for the last

forty years, but that was the first time I had such a kind of spiritual experience.

Receiving direction from God

The first direction I received from God that night regarded the restoration of kingship or sovereignty. In order to achieve the goal of the restoration of kingship, God told me to maintain absolute faith, absolute love, absolute life and absolute obedience. I received many directions regarding other areas; however because of the time limit here, I would like to focus just on those I received regarding the upcoming Blessing.

I have an application form here for Blessing candidates, but this is not an ordinary application form. All the details and steps to fill out this form were given by God through revelation that night. I also received four major conditions to be fulfilled by candidates for the Blessing. This section on top, where these four conditions are printed, is the space where already-married couples are to attach a photo of their couple. The first condition is that the couple promise never to divorce. Second, they promise never to engage in any sexual relationship outside their marriage. Third, they make a commitment to create a family which will never fight. Fourth, they promise to inherit true love from God, and based upon that true love to build a true family. These are the four conditions, or pledges actually, that Blessing candidates have to make.

Of course as the 120 Japanese missionaries arrived, none of them could speak Spanish. Therefore, I had them spend one month learning how to carry on basic conversation in Spanish. Several Japanese missionaries who came to Costa Rica about two years ago now speak Spanish fairly well. I wrote down for the new missionaries in detail what to say when they go out to mobilize candidates, as well as how to answer their questions. Then I had someone translate it into Spanish. For the first month, all 120 missionaries spent day and night reading and memorizing these sentences so that they could speak without difficulty when they went out

to the field. The training course was tough. Many times I had them stand in front of everyone and recite the contents.

Centering on our headquarters, I divided the entire city into ten sections. Right after the one-month period of preparation I started sending the missionaries out. They took with them the application form as well as the set of detailed questions. As soon as someone they witnessed to signed the application form, our missionaries gave them the second paper which contains questions requiring a yes or no answer, such as: Can you come on such and such a date? Do you have your bridal veil? Do you have a dark suit and white shirt? Even though we had trained our missionaries in Spanish they were not yet fluent enough, so we prepared a diagram for them to use to figure out which of the required items for the ceremony we would need to prepare.

Meanwhile, on various occasions we continued to hold sisterhood and friendship ceremonies. I believed that if I sent the missionaries to visit candidates in their homes, they would not be able to continue dialogue with them for more than a few minutes. For this reason my strategy was to invite all the contacts to the church where they would be able to meet with members who speak Spanish well. Between 300 and 400 people have been coming to Sunday services, sometimes more. With True Parents' help we recently purchased a headquarters building, but because of the increased number of people coming to the church every Sunday, we could no longer hold our services there. Therefore, we purchased another property with a building which is being used as a training center. This property has an open field just under an acre in size, where every Sunday we are having this kind of gathering.

Organizing Blessing ceremonies

In order to launch our Blessing campaign and boost the image of the Blessing, the first event we held in that open field was a pre-Blessing ceremony. That first ceremony was for only seventeen

couples, but this became the torch to mobilize many more couples to participate in the Blessing. We have set the second Blessing date for March 1, for which already more than 1,070 couples have applied. The goal of each Japanese missionary is to secure at least one Blessing candidate each day. But our overall goal is to secure at least 100 new Blessing candidates every day. That is our motto. The first day that we reached over 100 candidates was February 10. On that day we secured 107 couples. From that point on our goal has been at least 100 couples per day.

I would like to share one thing we experienced in carrying out this Blessing ceremony. Because the people of Costa Rica are mainly Catholic, they are in a way accustomed to the different stages or steps of religious ritual. Therefore, when they participate in our Blessing ceremony, they do not feel strange about the different stages they go through, such as the holy wine ceremony or the indemnity ceremony. They take each stage as a natural part of the process. I have come to the conclusion that this Blessing ceremony is the best type of worship; therefore I have decided to have it on every Sunday as part of the Sunday service.

One of the highlights of the first Blessing ceremony was the entrance of the brides and grooms. I arranged the ceremony in such a way that as the brides and grooms entered, the couples took each step together, holding each other's arms, stepping right foot first then bringing the left foot forward and placing both feet together, pausing for awhile then taking another step and putting both feet together, and pausing again. They went through a holy experience by doing this. For the holy wine ceremony, I arranged for the spouses to bow to each other, in a 90-degree angle. This gave them an even deeper experience. I also had the brides prepare their own robes and veils for the ceremony. All seventeen brides brought their own wedding gown or holy robe and veil to the ceremony. Wearing their wedding attire again for the second time in their lives, they went through the Blessing ceremony and they were really inspired.

My strategy is two-fold. Once we receive the application forms of the candidates, then we invite them to our church



Rev. Joong Soo Kim shows photos of the couples blessed in Costa Rica. Peter Kim translates. February 14, 1997 at East Garden.

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and give them at least seven different Divine Principle lectures before they receive the Blessing. To prepare for this kind of follow-up workshop I selected seven lecturers from among the Costa Rican members. They drew straws for each chapter of the Divine Principle. I told the seven lecturers they have to read the Divine Principle at least 100 times. I allowed them to give the lecture by reading the Divine Principle. Now they have all become excellent Divine Principle lecturers.

After the second Blessing ceremony, I am planning to expand our workshop facilities to ten different regions of Costa Rica so that each region will have its own place to hold this follow-up workshop. I selected 30 Japanese missionaries out of the 120 who can read and speak both English and Spanish; they are now going through a 40-day workshop in preparation for giving Divine Principle lectures.

After the first Blessing, we invited the newly-blessed couples, along with their children and relatives, to a picnic outside the training center on the grounds where the couples were blessed the previous Sunday. We had an afternoon of fun together. Including children, the number of people gathered that day was about 450. So from March on we will have a Blessing every Sunday along with our worship service, followed by this kind of sports-oriented picnic, together with

the brides and grooms, and their relatives and guests.

Gaining support from the spiritual world

Since we started to prepare for the upcoming Blessing, three major events have taken place. In one couple which received the Blessing, the bridegroom is a preacher at a church with a congregation of about 200. He is not a minister, but a preacher. He came one day to cut the grass at the training center. When I saw him I asked, "Why don't you come to the Blessing?" I immediately pulled out the application form, which he immediately signed. I then told him to bring his wife to a Blessing workshop, and they came together. At one point during the workshop the wife experienced something which really shocked her. Fifteen days prior to the workshop she had had a dream in which she wore a wedding gown and was married again. As soon as she saw the scenes of the Blessing in the video shown at the workshop she decided, "This is it; I do not have to question further. I will participate." She testified that this must be the plan and goal of God.

But there is one catch here. In our situation, we could not give the indemnity ceremony on the wedding day; instead, we did it one week afterwards. In the

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True Families and Moral Renaissance

The 21st Century and the Education of Young People Centered on the Movement to Recover Morality Through True Families

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THE disruption of the family, the educational crisis and the loss of morality are all emerging in modern society as it approaches the 21st Century as serious problems that need to be addressed and resolved both in the East and in the West. It is clear that these phenomena are brought about by rapid social change occurring in a moral and spiritual vacuum.

The coming of an industrial society, the development of science, and the increase of economic power have allowed us to enjoy material wealth. However, by over-emphasizing the material, our society is now experiencing moral corruption through spiritual poverty. Within this plight, it is the confusion of value systems that has caused the corruption of ethics at home and of morality in society. Consequently, young people today have lost their moral direction and they wander the streets causing problems.

Having observed that delinquent young people tend to come from delinquent families, I believe that the key to solving the problems of delinquency lies in solving the problems of the family. For this reason, we need to look to the ideal family for the proper education of the young people who will become leading figures in the 21st Century.

The image of a transformed family

The image of families today is one of moral and ethical corruption, a condition far from that of the ideal family which all humankind seeks. Then what would be the image of an ideal family? An ideal family would be one where parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters sense a solidarity, observe a proper relational order, give and receive sacrificial love, and create joy and happiness within their family.

Christianity tells us that God created human beings in His image and that the relationship between God and human beings is one of father and son. It is writ-

ten in Genesis that God created human beings in His image and created one man and one woman. From this we can infer that God's image has both a masculine aspect and a feminine aspect and that the joining of a man and a woman resembles the perfect God. In a sense, it can be said that we complete ourselves by joining with our lost half. This is the process of forming a family.

The image of a "true family," which was the aim of God at the creation of the first human beings, is as follows: those children who are the embodiments of God will live with God and attend Him as their parent. When they have matured physically, spiritually and mentally, a man and a woman come together as husband and wife with God's blessing, thus resembling God's perfect character. The wife respects her husband as if she is attending God, and the husband loves his wife as if he is loving God. Together they make the foundation for a family and realize a true family with the coming of children born out of their true love. Such parents love their sons and daughters with God's unconditional, sacrificial true love. Their children respect their parents and are devoted to them, regarding them as the living God. Brothers and sisters love and help each other.

The Unification principle defines such a family as a "true family," the ideal family of the original creation. With the coming of such families, the true love among their members would spread to the levels of society, nation, and the world. This would ultimately form the basis for solving the problems of the world, thus creating complete and lasting world peace.

However, we do not see such families in the world today. The first ancestors did not believe God and they fell away, thus cutting the parent/child relationship with God and damaging human relationships in the home and in the society, nation and world.

Christianity has sought the recovery of the heavenly law which brings God and human beings together again as parent and child in order to mend the devastated human relationships and

uphold morality. Confucian thought has also taught that the basis of ethics is in the home and the foundation of morality begins with the relationship of father and son. In Hyo-gyung, the Book of Filial Piety, Confucius said that the way between father and son was people's natural disposition and being filial is the way of heaven and earth and the demeanor of people.

In this sense, filial piety does not consist of artificial rules but is the manifestation of heaven's way in human relationships. Thus, it is the way of nature and the principle which all people should follow. However, in reality, the image of an ideal family where the order of the family is centered on filial piety has been broken and, consequently, the order of society and the world is being destroyed.

The model of an ideal family is needed today

Modern society, influenced by western culture which is based on equality, has developed a horizontal viewpoint as its mainstream. A society where only the vertical viewpoint of equality is stressed cannot be an ideal society at all.

The relationship between members of a family has as its axis the vertical relationship of parent and child. When this is harmonized with the horizontal relationship between husband and wife and among brothers and sisters, it forms the three-dimensional likeness of a sphere. Then the social structure, which is an enlarged form of a family, can develop a sound spherical structure through harmonized vertical and horizontal viewpoints. Only then can human relationships and morality be set straight and social order maintained.

[Margaret] Mead, a social anthropologist, finds the desired family form in the family that raises three generations, that is, in a family where grandparents, parents and children are living together. By experiencing the various roles in such an environment, we can grow as solid members of a society who can live harmoniously with others.

Today, influenced by the industrial

society, the nuclear family has become popularized. The existence of the nuclear family has made it easy for a couple to divorce. The destruction of the family has caused many young people to leave their homes, and the resulting decline in morality has caused the social problems that we are now facing. It only stands to reason that if the destruction of the family has resulted in social problems, the key to solving those same problems should lie in the revival of morality and in the creation of a healthy family.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon, in Unification Thought, suggests the true family as the model of an ideal family. He defined the true family as a family in which members experience the "four great realms of heart" (parental love, conjugal love, children's love, and sibling love) and practice sacrificial love based on true love. Such a family would indeed be the type of ideal family intended at the original creation. Order and peace in the home would be established when grandparents, parents and children respect and love each other as parents of the past, present and future, respectively.

The center of a family of the original creation is God, the Parent of all humankind. Therefore, when we attend and serve our grandparents, who are in the position of the invisible God, the ethics of the home becomes a straight, vertical line and the way of filial piety becomes the center of ethics in the home and, thus, the pivotal point in resolving the problems of young people today.

The first three of the Ten Commandments, which are the root of Christian thought, prescribe the relationship between God and humankind. In essence, they say that people should be filial before the invisible Heavenly Father. The fourth commandment clearly states that we should be filial to our physical parents. The other six commandments naturally emerge from the fourth, with their emphasis on the application of heavenly law and proper human relationships. Thus, the true parents should model the image of the living God, the original being of goodness, to their children.

The revival of morality begins in the home

In today's society, crime is rampant and law is becoming more and more forceful. We can feel in our bones that this is indeed the time when we should be saved from the moral crisis that is leading humanity into collapse. The nuclearization of the family and the increase in one-parent families have caused the lack of proper education in

human character and development.

However, even though people may claim that they have no opportunity to attend their parents and cannot share love between brothers and sisters because they do not have them, we need to know that filial piety or brotherly love in the modern sense is not necessarily limited only to our relatives. Indeed, now is the time when we should expand the love found among relatives and learn how to love our neighbors. [Eric] Erickson, a social psychologist, said that those who have experienced insufficient love before the age of three cannot trust and love others even when they become adults. Children who have grown up in an environment where they can learn how to properly love others cannot become violent or fall into immoral human relationship. Since the foundation of human nature is formed in the home during childhood, the importance of family education cannot be over-emphasized.

The movement to recover the morality of young people begins with the "true family." In this context, I would state that the education of young people should be the original education and it should begin with parents at the level of the ideal true family.

First of all, we need to educate parents on how to achieve the desired education in the home. Parents, more than others, should understand the concept of ethics based on "true love." Then they should be apprised of the proper view of goodness and evil and the values of trueness, goodness and beauty; justice, philanthropy and service. Parents should respect humankind and learn how to guide their children in the proper direction. This is why programs on parenting education have been developed and spread to a worldwide level.

Second, parents should embody completed character and become models of correct behavior for their children. Banda emphasized the importance of educating human character. This means that one can save a coun-

try and bring peace to the world only after people first find their identity through character education.

In conclusion, we can say that the general moral crisis that we face today is the result of the absence of character education, while emphasizing the acquisition of knowledge and technology. In order to overcome these problems, it is most important for us to set our family ethics in order.

When the order within the home is established, the ideal true family of the original creation should be realized based on true love. True love is the core factor that allows people to live for the sake of others and is the original love of creation which causes people to not be concerned about what they have given, but instead want to give even more. Parents, more than others, should embody completed character and resemble God, the original being of goodness. They should model and teach to their children filial behavior, the basic virtue of family ethics. I strongly believe that only this movement for recovering morality can save the people of this era.

In August of 1995, a worldwide event was held in Seoul, Korea, that promotes true families who attend God as Parent. By overcoming the barriers of race, nationality, and even religion, 360,000 couples were given birth as true families centered on the true person. The young people who will be born and educated in these true families shall lead the world of peace, where there is no war or pain, in the 21st Century.■

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True Parents and Korean leaders in front of the main entrance at Sun Moon University. March 11, 1997.

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Faith, Service and Perseverance

"...and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Revelation 7:17

Michael Dickerson

MY family and I moved back to Louisville, Kentucky, in August of 1991 and started our hometown providence. I was able to witness to my relatives through weekly prayer meetings held every Saturday evening at my mother's home. She is the matriarch of the family, the oldest of five children, and very religious. Just recently her church honored and thanked her for loyal service and for her devotion to God and the church. It was a very moving and heartfelt moment to see and hear all the people that my mother had taught in Sunday school, vacation Bible

school and Bible study give testimony as to how my mother, with the help of God, was able to make an impact on their lives in bringing them an insightful and fundamental understanding of God.

Through the weekly prayer meetings, I gave Principled explanations of the Bible to my relatives. I asked them, "What is the purpose of believing in God, reading the Bible, praying and being baptized if in our lifetime we cannot reach spiritual perfection and allow Heavenly Father to come into our lives completely, spiritually and physically?" I explained that for this to happen the original sin must be removed and that the only one who can do this is the Messiah. I told them that Heavenly Father will forgive original sin through Rev. and Mrs. Moon. They were happy to learn they had an opportunity to come closer to God. I also explained that they could be blessed to a saint in spirit world, someone who was loyal and true to God, and who maybe even had given their life for God. They were very happy to

hear this, and on December 17, 1995 they participated in a Blessing ceremony held at the state center in Louisville. Due to physical problems, they had not been able to attend the main ceremony in New York on August 25. But thank God, Heavenly Father opens doors when you think there is no door! And now, a precedent has been set in our family that other relatives can come to the

Blessing in Washington DC in 1997.

My wife and I are happy that we have the opportunity to share this testimony as an inspiration to our brothers and sisters who are participating in the hometown providence or who are enroute to their hometown providence. Be of good courage! God is there! We have been truly blessed to have this opportunity to witness to our relatives in this way. All glory to our Heavenly Father for this opportunity!

My mother, uncle and aunt, through faith, service and perseverance, overcame divorce and were able to raise their children by themselves, provide them with loving homes and keep their families in church. They had to suffer many things, but through prayer, faith and tears they were able to receive the Blessing. Through faith, works, and Heavenly Father's direction, they were able to bring forth good fruit.

The Biblical scripture at the beginning of the article gives inspiration to those who have suffered greatly but kept the faith. Perseverance is so important in our life of faith along with service and sacrifice. In the end, Heavenly Father will wipe the tears from our eyes because we went through the time of trials and tribulations with God and we were faithful to Him. We shed tears not for ourselves but for Heavenly Father and humankind.

Our True Parents exemplify to the utmost this heavenly standard of faith, service and perseverance. This is a standard that transcends all religious denominations and sects and clearly testifies to Heavenly Father and True Parents. It shows without a doubt that our True Parents are the hope of salvation for the world!

Be consistent in your work and mission, pray and serve. God is working! True Parents have taught us that if we give one hundred percent, Heavenly Father will be there, absolutely!

Remember, there is always hope because there is always God!■

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Michael and Yoshie Dickerson after the Blessing Ceremony in their hometown on December 17, 1995.

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Save the People...

Purity Movement! This is the New Purity and Absolute Love Movement.

True Father mentioned that the Blessing is the best way to save people. Let us save Washington DC and let us save the United States of America.■

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Rev. Chang Shik Yang is the Regional Director for Region 3. He and his wife participated in the 8,000 Couples Blessing in 1982.

Report from Costa...

meantime, while waiting for this, she had another dream in which she was wearing her wedding gown, but there was a spot of blood on it. She tried to get rid of the spot by washing it, but could not get it out completely; it only became pinkish in color. Therefore, she came to realize that by going through the indemnity ceremony the spot of blood on her gown would be erased. This was her own interpretation.

The second episode concerns another person who attended a one-day Blessing workshop. This man also experienced something through the workshop which really impressed him. A month before the workshop he dreamed that he had gotten on a bus, and suddenly he had realized that he was surrounded by Japanese women, and among these women there was one man seated. When he came to the workshop he observed that all those around him were Japanese women, and there was also one man, Rev. Kim, standing among them. The time this man had the dream was around the time the 120 Japanese missionaries were told they were to come to Costa Rica.

The third episode involved the wife of a college professor, one of whose students had participated in a sisterhood ceremony. The following week this student brought some of the professors and their wives to participate in another sisterhood ceremony. When the professor's wife was matched to one of the Japanese sisters, that sister gave her an origami frog. She was so surprised, because the night before she had had a dream about a frog! She was so inspired that the following week she brought another thirteen candidates to the Blessing workshop.

Witnessing to people and educating them

Through this kind of activity and process we continue having the sisterhood and friendship ceremonies. When guests come for the first time, they participate in a sisterhood ceremony, then when they return a second time, they often bring their relatives and friends to take part in the sisterhood ceremony. They themselves participate in a friendship ceremony, which is another stage.



Rev. Joong Soo Kim, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak and other VIPs attend Mother after her speech in Uruguay. September 1996.

PHOTO: VICTORIA YOKOTA WASHINGTON DC

In the beginning I was kind of concerned about sending our Japanese sisters out to reach every household, but now we have a strong enough foundation that I do not have to send them out. Since those who have already participated in the sisterhood and friendship ceremonies bring their friends and relatives to our church, we just have to educate them when they come.

We now have workshops going on in our headquarters and at the training center day and night. During the day the wives attend, and in the evenings the husbands who work during the day take their turn and come and learn what we are teaching. So in Costa Rica there is a real campaign going on in order to secure more Blessing applications and to bring those candidates to attend the Blessing workshop.

Those who cannot speak Spanish well enough to visit families in their homes go to a super market and stand in front of it. As soon as they see a couple that looks like a husband and wife approach the market together, they approach them with the application form and have them sign it. My theory is that those husbands and wives who come together to the supermarket are good couples!

These sisters came from Japan having no foundation in either Spanish or English; how can they continue to dialogue for more than a few minutes? So their role is just to catch someone's attention,

present the blessing application form, and open their notebooks with the sentences written in Spanish so that the prospective candidates can read what they are trying to say. Following this they usually end up signing the application form. The sisters can at least ask the people in Spanish if they like this idea or not, and everyone agrees that it is a good idea. A second question they can ask is, if the person agrees with this kind of ideal, do they want to become this kind of ideal couple? If their answer is yes, they then ask, then if all the couples of Costa Rica become this kind of ideal couple, don't you think our country will be reborn and become a new Costa Rica? Everyone agrees with this, so then our proposal is, why don't we work together hand in hand to build the new Costa Rica? For those who have that kind of desire and hope, we tell them we will gather together on such and such a date and go through this new Blessing ceremony.

This is the way we explain the Blessing ceremony. By doing so, we are securing at least 100 couples a day now in such a small country as Costa Rica. If we continue this trend in Costa Rica, even though our goal is 20,000 couples, we can surpass that goal and probably reach 30,000 couples in Costa Rica alone.

Making a national impact

I would like to share one more instruction which I received that night. I was

instructed to find the one Japanese missionary who speaks English best and train her to be a public relations spokeswoman. I selected the wife of the Japanese tribal messiah to Costa Rica and made her head of our public relations team. They are witnessing to people in the six different groups which Father explained about. They go out every day and witness to political, religious, academic and other kinds of leaders. We already have 180 major leaders with whom we are in continuous contact.

When we first meet such leaders we present them with a proposal which asks them to become one of the committee members for the Blessing ceremony in Costa Rica in November. The six-line explanation emphasizes that the person will volunteer to become one of the committee members. They are also encouraged to participate in the Blessing. My strategy at this point is to invite all of these potential committee members and have them observe our Blessing ceremony on that day. Among the 180 leaders there are people involved in radio, newspapers and other areas of publishing and the media. In Costa Rica we have four television stations. Out of the four, one channel volunteered to cover the ceremony on March 1. I am in the process of developing a plan for these 180 major national leaders to receive the Blessing. I am sure that they will be inspired by the

Blessing. Then they can go out and officiate at Blessing ceremonies so that this True Family Blessing Ceremony will no longer be only a Unification Church activity but spread like wildfire and become a national activity.

I would like to share another revelation I received that night. It was that I have to reserve the biggest stadium in Costa Rica for the November 29 Blessing. My plan is to invite all those who received the Blessing to the stadium and make it a national event. The population of Costa Rica is 3.5 million, and 2 million of those live in the metropolitan area of the capital city, San Jose. My goal is to obtain at least 10,000 couples within the metropolitan area and the rest of the couples will be obtained from the rest of the country.

Besides this, we have purchased seven mini-vans which we are using for our mobilization activities. These allow us to move people around quickly. Each week I evaluate and give a score to each of the ten regions. Those with the top seven scores get to use one of the mini-vans. Therefore, in order to secure one of the vans each week, each team is doing its absolute best.

Following the Blessing ceremony last time we had a picnic. At that time I introduced a new game to Costa Ricans. In this game, called "akisak," each player tries to throw small cotton sacks filled with

dry corn or beans into a basket, as in basketball. There are two different-colored teams, and the members of each team keep throwing sacks of their own color into their own basket. Whichever team gets more sacks into its basket within the time limit is the winning team. The adults who were there enjoyed this game even more than the children. Beginning next week we will hand out tickets for door prizes to both participants and guests.

The field in front of our training center is adjacent to a major public road, so people who pass by usually stop and watch.

The Japanese missionaries have committed that no matter what, they will remain in Costa Rica for at least one year and none of them will leave until they accomplish their goal there.

With that kind of commitment and conviction we are very sure that we will achieve our goal in Costa Rica and return the glory to God and True Parents.

*[Translated by Peter Hyo Yul Kim
Edited for Today's World]*

Rev. Joong Soo Kim is the Korean National Messiah for Costa Rica. He and his wife participated in the 430 Couples Blessing in 1968.

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True Parents caught a 20 lb. Golbinegro Punta del Este in Uruguay.

dent of the Center for Economic and Social Justice in Washington DC; and political analyst, Professor Jorge Boaventura of Brazil, among others.

Themes considered by the participants included: "Toward a Common Market with Justice for the Americas"; "Ecology and Technological Development: Harmony in Benefit for the World"; and "Rural and Urban Development in Latin America." This potent cadre of the continent's elite will be attempting to find solutions in seven basic problem areas for Latin America including philosophical pluralism, technology vs. ecology, the culture of the true family values, Latin American unity, educating the poor, and balanced development. Surely all conscientious people wish them good luck and God's speed.

Women's Federation for World Peace

And finally again, on Mother's current world tour, the Victoria Plaza Hotel was the glittering backdrop for her to make an important declaration to 2,100 guests from throughout the country,

including the establishment of the Montevideo society on September 26. In fact, Mother also spoke the previous evening without notes or prepared text to 250 members of the Women's Federation for World Peace in Montevideo who assembled to hear her speak on just 24-hours notice. At the larger event, True Mother inaugurated the Family Federation For World Peace in a well-received 45-minute address that drew a standing ovation. This was followed with the reading by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak of True Father's Founder's Address from the Washington DC launching of the Family Federation.

True Father and True Mother were both present at the victory celebration, with members and close friends in the Royal Suite of the hotel, to celebrate the successful conclusion of Mother's talk, full of hope for many more victories in Uruguay and throughout South America. ■

Daniel Stringer is the Abel National Messiah for Uruguay. He and his wife, Blondine, participated in the 2075 Couples Blessing in 1982. They have three children.



Dr. Sang Hun Lee was the President of the Unification Thought Institute of Korea.

Dr. Sang Hun Lee

President, Unification Thought Institute of Korea
Chairman, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of Thailand

ON March 22, 1997, Dr. Sang Hun Lee passed away at Joong Ang Hospital, Seoul, Korea, at the age of 84. He was attending the Ninth Annual Unification Thought Symposium, held March 19-23, 1997, at the Hotel Lotte in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Lee was the keynote speaker at the Symposium. He had also attended the welcoming dinner banquet on the occasion of our True Parents' triumphant return to Korea held several days earlier on March 19. Due to this strenuous schedule, he became ill, was admitted to the hospital and passed away around 3:00 a.m. on March 22.

His Seung Hwa Ceremony, under the auspices of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, was held on March 24, 1997. Many representatives of the church and businesses attended the ceremony. The Won Jeun Ceremony was performed by the church dignitaries at the 36 Blessed Couples' Won Jeun site located at Juk Sun-myun, Pajugun, Kyonggido Province.

His contribution to the Unification Church was enormous. Born in 1914, he became a medical doctor after attending Severance Medical School in Seoul, Korea. While practicing medicine, he continued to search for absolute truth, the solution to fundamental human problems and

the essence of the universe. He struggled with many questions until he met our True Father.

Finally, he and his wife received the Blessing in the 36 Couples Blessing in 1961. He served as president of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism for many years, teaching about the inevitable downfall of communism and a new value system to overcome Marxism-Leninism.

Since 1972, Dr. Lee has served as the president of the Unification Thought Institute of Korea. During this time, he developed and systematized Unification Principles into the philosophical framework called Unification Thought. He trained many Unification intellectuals and church leaders, including UTS graduate Ph.Ds. They will continue his influence on the worldwide academic community for many years to come.

He has written numerous books and articles in Korean, Japanese and English editions. Among his most important works are *Essentials of Unification Thought*, *The End of Communism*, *Establishment of A New Value System* and *A New Critique of Communism*.■

A Tribute to Dr. Sang Hun Lee

Dr. David S. C. Kim

DR. Sang Hun Lee lived a good and prosperous life. His time on earth was filled with joys, accomplishments, and the love of family

and friends. I came to know Dr. Lee when he and his entire family joined the Unification Church very early on in the history of our church. He appeared to me as a man of vision, character, and a sincere heart.

After the 36 Couples Blessing, Dr. Lee's family and my family became part of the same trinity. Throughout the years, even when we were far apart, we always kept in touch. I knew that some day, later on, we would work together in some way.

The opportunity for us to work together came when Father founded the Unification Thought Institute of America. Dr. Lee had pioneered the systematization of Unification Thought and V.O.C. theory as an application of Father's thought, and he was the world's chief lecturer on Unification Thought. When Father founded UTI of America, we were pleased to have had Dr. Sang Hun Lee himself appointed by Father as the president of UTI of America. Moreover, I was honored by Father with the position of vice president of UTI of America.

Since that day, which was more than ten years ago, Dr. Lee and I began to work very closely to develop Unification Thought and to spread it to the Western world. We established seminar programs for Unificationist scholars and started the teaching of Unification Thought on a large scale. Dr. Lee came to America on several occasions to teach both Unification Thought and V.O.C. theory. I always remember those times fondly.

When Dr. Lee's wife passed away a few years ago, I was surprised at the moral courage and strength of Dr. Lee. He continued his work with the same kind of dedication he had been doing all along. Besides, he began to receive direct inspiration from his wife in the spirit world, which gave him even more strength and determination.

And now the two of them are joined together again. And we are happy to have had such a wonderful man as Dr. Sang Hun Lee with us on this earth. We wish him all the best as he goes on to this new stage of his life. We will keep fond memories of his kind heart and sincere dedication to God and True Parents.■

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Transitional Era - Father's Message on May 1
"Father wants you to understand why this new era begins with this new name..."



Centering on blessed couples, now the entire world has to be restructured and reorganized to meet the criteria of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is why I already instructed the blessed couples to assume the role of tribal messiahs. If you perform your tribal messiah roles properly, you should be able to bring 160 families, including your relatives and your immediate families, to the Blessing. By doing so, you will set a condition to restore your entire tribe and based on this tribal restoration the nation can be built.

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
MAY 1, 1997
TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK

Top: True Parents' speaking tour in Korea. March 16, 1997, Choon Chun. (Photo: Korean Cultural Department)