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The Pain of a Family Divided

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As the world's attention has been absorbed by continuous conflict and suffering in the Middle East, UPF Israel held a conference on Human Rights, Peace and Security on September 9 in Jerusalem. Most of the speakers focused on local conflicts and on remembering the devastation of the Holocaust during World War II. However, I was invited to speak on the conference theme in relation to the situation on the Korean Peninsula.


The conference was held in the culture center of a synagogue, with participants mostly from academic and religious circles. Among the various speakers, the comment of a young rabbi struck me. "Now the tension in the Middle East is heating up again," he said. "We are still fighting the same battle we have fought for sixty years. Maybe even longer; actually, the struggle began in Adam's family. How many years has it been going on? How many years do we have to continue this fight?" He raised the very issue that I wanted to highlight.

I had chosen to focus on the plight of the hundreds of thousands of families that were separated when the Korean War compounded the division that had occurred on the Korean Peninsula through the establishment of separate North Korean and South Korean governments. The people who were separated from their family members so long ago could not imagine that they would never meet their loved ones again. However, that remains the painful reality, even though more than sixty years have passed.

I had prepared a PowerPoint presentation with photographs of the Korean War, showing how refugees had to flee their homes in North Korea, often leaving behind family members for many different reasons. Once the border was fixed after the war, there was no communication between these people until, after fifty years, the two governments allowed selected families to meet. The photographs of those first meetings are touching. When I showed photos of parents and children, brothers and sisters meeting for the first time in fifty years, I heard sobbing in the audience. It was clear that the issue of divided families has universal appeal. On a fundamental level, it is the reality we all share, as a divided human family.

"Now is the time to open our eyes, to see one another as brothers and sisters," I told the audience. "We are truly family members that have been separated for so long. We have forgotten our parents' faces, our brothers' and sisters' names and faces. We have become "strangers" and "others." We have fought and killed one another. Now is the time to realize the truth that we are all brothers and sisters. You are my long-lost brothers and sisters, whom I am meeting for the first time after six thousand years. I am so glad to see you." This statement brought loud applause from the audience; it was the first time I have received such warm response to a speech. The meeting ended with hugs and warm greetings all round. God bless Israel!

Afterward, I was reflecting on the unique position of our central blessed families. We are the first generation to understand the nature of original human beings, original human relationships and the original world. We long for that original, God-given nature, and we are trying hard to build that original world, in which we can live together happily, without struggle. Because of our unique understanding, we have a unique ability to move people. It is interesting that whenever we approach people with this original mind and heart, they immediately feel it and want to share it with us. As long as we keep this mind and heart, God will surely be with us. Let us work together to expand the blessing to all families, for this is the only way to finally put an end to the conflicts, suffering and divisions that bring so much pain to our world.

Heaven will certainly bless those whose hearts yearn for the original human being, the original human relationship and the original human world. 

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The Path of the Unification Church

Father gave this sermon on Sunday October 14, 1988, to commemorate thirty-eight years having passed since his release from the Hungnam Special Labor Camp.

Religion is all about meeting God and seeking the way to live with him. On the other hand, philosophy, today's philosophy to be more precise, is about discovering God by centering on all knowledge and cultural backgrounds and on certain worldviews and other ideological viewpoints. They thus differ from each other. Philosophy is about finding God whereas religion is about living with him. That is why the people who have moved history until now are not philosophers.

Where God should be

As you are probably aware, there are four great saints. Who are they? They are leaders who started religions. This is true of Jesus, of Buddha, of Confucius and of Mohammed. These are the four great saints. How did they, out of

the innumerable people in history, come to bear the honor of being the four great saints? They were not people that lived their lives yearning to live with humankind. Instead, they were people that thought solely about God's will and about living with him and that kept pace with God's will as they lived their lives.

Human thoughts and desires are transient. Each human being's path differs, based on whether he or she is superior or inferior and in accordance with the lifestyle of each particular individual and his or her situation, but those paths all slip away. The lifestyle of a patriot continues as long as the nation exists. That is why a patriot's loyalty ends when the nation comes to its end. Because people try to follow the path of their thought processes or desires based on their nations, on their

societies, or on their families in the human world, the paths of the societies, families and individuals centered on the nation have nothing to do with God's will. Why? Because they belong to the fallen realm. The place where God should be needs to transcend the fallen world.

From this viewpoint, the historical representatives that have tried (at least) to pave a path for humanity to advance to the ideal world, that is, a world of a higher dimension, are the four great saints. Christians formed the European cultural realm centered on Christianity. Hindus formed the Indian cultural realm centered on Hinduism. Figures in the Far East formed a cultural realm centered on the three religions of Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism; Muslims formed the Middle East cultural realm

centered on Islam. In this way, they have endeavored until now to form the ideal life-realm for God, in other words, his ideal foundation.

Why is it, then, that believers have conflicts with one another? They have conflicts because they all desire the standard by which God can lead his ideal life in the world centered on their own religious denominations. It is bad for religious people to fight amongst themselves, but we should realize that it also demonstrates that the standard they desire is yet to be achieved. Thus, God's will remains to be fulfilled until that standard can be achieved. In light of this, since the cultural backgrounds behind people differ, their starting places are also all different. Those in the East began Eastern culture and those in the West began Western culture. In order to bring them under control, the four great cultural realms formed. Wherein lies the purpose for doing that? It is not to break them all up centering on religions, but rather to unite the religions and save global humanity on the foundation of the united religions.

Then, where is global humanity, once saved, supposed to go? Buddhists desire to go to a world that believes in Buddhism, Christians desire to go to a world that believes in Christianity and Muslims desire to live in a world where they can live their lives centering on the religious denominations they belong to. Thus, they all desire to live in a united sphere. All religious founders, longed to achieve that hope, and at the same time, therein lies God's will.

However, what none of these religious founders understood was that all the cultural realms thus formed become one in the Last Days. There comes a time when they become one and the will of the individual, the family, the tribe, people, nation, world and that of all of heaven and earth come into contact with God's will, based on which they originated. They did not understand this.

What will happen next after a worldwide domain is formed? Only one axis exists where the nations can become one, the tribes can become one and the individuals can become one centering on the peoples, tribes and families.

The paths for the will of an individ-

ual and the will of a family are the same, the only difference between the two being the scope of that will. That is why they need to unite. Since God is the absolute, one being, we need to inherit the will of that one being.

It is the same as people climbing a mountain from all directions, starting out from regions of different cultural backgrounds. When, in the end, they reach the peak, they look at one another and say, "Ah, you're from the east! You are from the south! You are from the west! You are from the north!" After they get to know each other in this way, and they ask one another, "Who did you come to find?" each will answer, "I came to find God." They will not know this until they reach the mountaintop. Only God, who watches over those people climbing to the mountaintop and who works his providence as he looks down upon them, knows this—no one else.

Love manifests creative power


Based on this viewpoint, since the path of religion began when people first began to live centering on God's will, the path followed by religion is the path of God's will. Since God's will is the will of the absolute being, it remains the sole will forever. There cannot be two of them. Therefore, people who live while centering on the absolute will, that is, the will of the absolute God, live their lives in an individual heaven. People whose families lead such a life live with God in a family heaven. Beyond peoples, nations and the world, when the entire world lives together, united as one and centered on the will of the world, that becomes the kingdom of heaven on earth.

What is the Unification Church's purpose? It, too, follows the same path. The Unification Church's Rev. Moon did not begin living his life centered on himself. If God exists amidst all the paths of religions, in the midst of such a chaotic environment, in the end we need to conform ourselves in every way to the original will. Though there are many factories at present all producing their own paraphernalia, we need to put together and create a product that God will like best, based on his blueprint. If there is no blueprint or no movement on earth that

can unite the world as one based on that blueprint, God, who established religion, should himself fail.

We need to seek the path of God's will. What is the path of God's will? It is the path opposite to the one followed by the devil. In this world, those who wish to live need to endeavor to live, but the people who wish to go to the heavenly kingdom need to endeavor to die. These are complete opposites, which is why it is written in the Bible that those who wish to die will live and those who wish to live will die. It follows paradoxical logic. How can a religion become one that can unite the world? How are we to endeavor to die? We need to be able to die as individuals, we need to be able to die as families, we need to be able to die as tribes, we need to be able to die as peoples and we need to be able to die as a world. When that religion becomes an ideology based on whose doctrine we can return to God, we can then meet him. This is the conclusion we can reach.

When the Unification Church moves, it moves not for the sake of the Unification Church itself. Instead, it endeavors to invest itself and sacrifice itself for the greater good. In order to create any great thing, smaller things need to be invested first. This is the principle for development. God is designing an ideal united world in this great universe, and to promote the ideal realm for the formation of this great universe, what will he need to do—rather than taking out the form of this universe—to achieve the greater good? He will have to invest even this universe into something.

To achieve the purpose of the universe, for the universe to just sit still and do nothing is unacceptable. Something needs to envelop the entire universe and must be big enough for the universe to go into its embrace. Once the universe is in it, it needs to sit still for thousands of years, because if it were to assert itself, the great ideal realm of the universe could not form. What can bring about the unity of the religious realm? Not brute force. A recalcitrant child turns back when they come across the love of his or her parents. Love manifests creative power in the world of death. It is a great power that exercises the right of resurrection at the place of death. 



Harvest Calls for Hard Work

True Mother gave this message following hoondokhae on 8.8 on the heavenly calendar (September 1) in Cheon Jeong Gung.

September is the harvest month. At this providential harvest time, our responsibility is to witness—to find the many ripened, prepared grains. Hence, you should boldly let people know about True Parents. Have you seen the recent popular movie, “Myeongryang”? The world has no owner. The people’s hearts feel empty as a result. The leaders in those days were not able to truly lead the people and help them.

That is why when Lee Sun-shin stood on the frontline in that difficult environment, with the heart to serve the people, the people united. This changed Korea’s fate. What do you think would have happened if Lee Sun-shin had not been there at that time?

Even though this age has many great people, people are still waiting for a true owner. What position are you in? You are family members

that have received True Parents’ blessing. You must inform people about True Parents. You should inform them, so that they become aware of True Parents. Do not be afraid! If you become one with True Parents, you can overcome and resolve all problems. Should a person that knows about this simply remain dormant? You should take the lead to witness and educate people! Father always said that there is no

perfection in ignorance. Hence, you should let people know. Now is the time when you should boldly advance. Do not fear better-established religious groups.

I called members of the Youth Federation and CARP here today. You have come at the right time. Remember that many prepared lives are waiting for your voice and touch. Challenge yourselves and meet these people! It is not incorrect to say that the history of our Unification Church started from CARP. The standard of our Unification Church is high. When conveying the word, you are people that can digest anything. Hence, move forward with confidence! My hopes for you are high.

In December, I plan to conduct a forty-day witnessing course for CARP and Youth Federation members in Las Vegas. I want to teach them to be leaders of a global standard. To become such a leader, not only is it important to connect through the heart, but one should be able to communicate through language too.

Korea is the fatherland of our faith, True Parents' fatherland. What does that imply? We must be able to embrace many brothers and sisters. The countries that stood at the frontline of missionary work... Korea was a bit weak. Those countries included Japan, America and Europe, Germany in particular.

Leaders in Korea were not fully capable of thinking about the world and the future; as a result, they have not been able to raise successors. Time does not wait for us. It actually feels a bit late. Are you then going to give up because of that? We must make it possible! Most leaders are in their sixties and seventies. Yet, did they raise successors?

Even though each of the providential organizations carries different responsibilities, I hope that they become one with the headquarters and work together in the same direction to bring about greater results. Since results are important, do not assert what is yours alone, but join hands and make greater results. The message I have given you this time is about this: Forgive, love and unite!


This is the true love "flu" of this age given to you by True Parents. I hope this spreads to the nation and moves on to all of Asia and the entire world and that you yield results from such a foundation... When one catches the flu, one must try hard to recover from it. Isn't that right? The true love flu! I hope that providential organizations and groups often collaborate and communicate with one another and bring about greater success.

A few days ago, the pope paid a visit to Korea and it became quite an issue. However, what came from his

visit? He has left. The work that we do, however, is to save people. What else is greater than this, that we should be grateful for? Instead, you should be afraid of sleeping. Father tried not to sleep.

You said you would become devoted children and patriots. If that's the case, shouldn't you take after True Parents? Please become sons and daughters that resemble True Parents and realize their hopes. This is the only way to give blessings to our descendants in the future.

These days, I have been thinking a lot about indemnity. What can be done to establish a future without indemnity? You must do well. In other words, please do not put off your responsibilities. Just as I did, you should be able to say, "Follow in my footsteps!" Do you understand?

Only by doing so can a new era be formed through you. The Cheon Il Guk era, the kingdom of heaven on earth, the kingdom of heaven through you... Of course doors opened through True Parents, but how extensively we build a good environment depends on you. Isn't that right? Being in the position of children, you have responsibilities. Now! This is harvest season. Make great determination, pledge to Heaven every day that you will bring great result and live a life of practice! 



After hoondokhae, blessed wives present a book to Mother of exemplary-lifestyle awards they have won. (See page 31 for more on these awards.)



The audience acknowledges the brides and grooms as they enter.

Door to the Blessing Wide Open for the Establishment of Cheon Il Guk

This heavenly Blessing Ceremony, held in autumn, the season when grains ripen, took place in Cheon Jeong Gung. The engagement ceremony of True Parents' youngest two children, Yeon-jin nim and Jeung-jin nim, was held on September 2, in Cheon Jeong Gung. True Mother presided over the event. In accordance with True

Mother's instructions, the two couples went through a forty-day special workshop in the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center before their joint Holy Wedding. During this period, True Mother also offered sincere prayers and conditions to prepare for this Holy Wedding.

On September 12, True Parents officiated Yeon-jin nim's and Jeung-jin

nim's joint Holy Wedding. Guests included about three hundred church leaders from various countries and other distinguished figures. The ceremony started with the lighting of candles and was followed by the Cheon Il Guk national anthem. Rev. Kim Young-hwi then offered a report prayer to Heaven, expressing his gratitude for this blessing grace that



True Mother officiating the joint Holy Wedding

has opened a world of liberation and complete freedom through international marriages, transcending all barriers.

Following this, True Mother entered the hall to officiate the Holy Wedding. After True Mother's entrance, Yeon-jin nim and her groom and Jeung-jin nim and her groom also entered, one after the other, through a central path lined with flowers.

"As brides and grooms chosen within the special grace of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, do you vow to serve our Heavenly Parent, who is central and is above, and become true families that practice true love, which means living for the sake of others through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience?" The brides and grooms affirmed the holy vows with

great strength. The brides and grooms promised they would love each other eternally and exchanged rings in front of True Mother. Following this, True Mother gave her benediction, offering it in front of Heavenly Parent and with the hope that the couples would make model families in front of humanity. True Mother's proclamation of the Holy Wedding rang throughout the hall.

"Beloved Heavenly Parent, Thank you. Thank you. For more than seventy years, you took particular care in raising me as your only begotten daughter, and you, my Father, protected me throughout countless adversities and hardships that I went through until I reached the position of a True Parent. You are the only one who knows and remembers the circumstances and countless challenges

that I had to overcome at each twist and turn of this historical course as a True Parent. Nevertheless, Father, I am grateful.

We are aware of how difficult, lonely and painful your course was after the Fall, in search of the True Parent, the one who can realize the hope of our Heavenly Parent, and fulfill what you had envisaged at the time of the Creation. Thank you, Father, for waiting for such a long time.

Today, I offer thanks to you from the bottom of my heart for your grace in allowing the blessing of Yeon-jin and Jeung-jin, the last children in True Parents' family. I pray that from now, you, Father, can have direct dominion over the families of my two daughters. I promise that my two daughters shall form true families that can become examples to all of the world's



Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk making the opening declaration



Rev. Kim Young-hwi offering the report prayer



Sun-jin nim and her husband In-sup nim lighting the Holy Wedding candles



Yeon-jin nim, Jeung-jin nim and True Mother before Pyebaek, a traditional rite held after a wedding


seven billion people, that can become your pride, and that can accelerate the fulfillment of your wish of establishing Cheon Il Guk, God's kingdom on earth, which you desired and aimed to create throughout providential history.

Beloved Father, may you be joyful. Today, in the name of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, I proclaim before heaven, earth and all the cosmos the Holy Wedding of these two families, Yeon-jin and Jan, and Jeung-jin and Jo. Aju!"

Then congratulatory songs were sung, expressing wishes for the future happiness of the two couples. Next, the couples bowed to one another and the guests. With the beautiful decorated stage behind them, the True Family took commemorative photographs to remember this moment for eternity. True Mother then exited the hall. Finally, it was time for the couples to leave the hall and conclude the Holy Wedding. With every step, they took down the aisle adorned with flowers, on their way out, the providence unfolded like a continuous surge of waves.

True Parents have proclaimed a new era through which humanity and the Cain realm, which represents all people, can now be connected to Heaven's good lineage, thereby transcending the era when blessed families had to graft to the True Family's lineage. Following the Holy Wedding, Pyebaek, a traditional ceremony held after Korean weddings, was held in the presence of True Family members and elder church members. This was a time of grace, through which True Mother's great love for Yeon-jin nim and her husband and Jeung-jin nim and her husband, who were all wearing traditional wedding clothes, could be felt. After Pyebaek, the Holy Wedding banquet was held in the banquet hall in Cheon Jeong Gung. This was a time of great blessing, a time filled with True Mother's love and blessings from members of the True Family and elder members. The two couples presented flowers to True Mother. Cake-cutting in celebration of this Holy Wedding also took place.

Kwon-jin nim, representing the True Family, sang a congratulatory song. A variety of congratulatory performances were then presented. Later, True Mother sang, "Saranghae" for True Father, highlighting the finale of the event. Participants expressed their deepest gratitude

to True Parents for their love and grace in embracing and bringing salvation to all people and were determined to become true blessed families that forgive, love and unite. 

Kim Young-hwi's report prayer at the Holy Wedding

Our Heavenly Parent, the Owner of true love, true life and true lineage who reigns over the whole creation, and our True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the victorious King and Queen of Peace! Today, I offer my deep gratitude to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for permitting and presiding over Yeon-jin nim's and Jeung-jin nim's Joint Holy Wedding.

Beloved True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind,

Today, Yeon-jin nim, born on February 7, 1981, and Jeung-jin nim, born on June 14, 1982, are about to begin their family lives through this sacred ceremony. These are the two daughters True Father particularly loved from their childhood. As they begin anew on the family level, please best the significant courses of these two daughters and guide them so that they are not inadequate as members

of heavenly families.


Amid worldwide opposition, True Parents overcame Satan's realm on the cosmic level and established a victorious foundation. It was on this foundation that True Father said we could go beyond any limits and international marriages could be held for the restoration of the Cain realm. He said that gaining equilibrium by going through this process without creating a level plane would result in liberation on earth even if not complete emancipation and freedom. Today's Holy Wedding was prepared based on such teachings of Father's. Hence, please enable the spiritual and physical worlds to unite on this day and celebrate this ceremony.

Through True Parents becoming the first original ancestors that our Heavenly Parent had for so long wished to see, a new heavenly tribe, with a lineage changed to that of God, could be generated for the first time on earth and in the spirit world. Based on this foundation, blessed families born through the benediction of our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are enthusiastically carrying out activities worldwide, investing their everything for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, which is True Parents' great hope. Please guide us in fulfilling our re-

sponsibility as tribal messiahs in restoring all people as members of blessed families and thereby firmly establishing Cheon Il Guk on earth.

Beloved Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! We have entered the third year since True Father's ascension. True Father, who had established all conditions while on earth, is now working with True Mother from heaven. True Mother is guiding the providence on earth, united in heart, body, thought and harmony with True Father and she is continuously advancing in order to complete True Father's tradition and legacy.

Though we are inadequate, we will do everything possible to accomplish True Mother's call that we convey True Parents' teachings to all the people of this nation by 2020, which will be the year we celebrate True Father's one hundredth birthday and the sixtieth anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding.

Beloved Heavenly Parent! Please preside over and guide this holy ceremony, and allow this to become an opportunity for Cheon Il Guk—which True Parents desire more than anything else—to put down strong roots on earth. I report all this in my name, Kim Young-hwi, of a blessed central family. Aju! 



Brides and grooms (in front of the offering table) go through the Pyebaek Ceremony.

Forty-Day Special Workshop and Conditions

Blessing in the True Family through True Parents' Grace

These are reflections on the Holy Wedding given by Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea; and the regional presidents of Japan, North America and Europe. They reflect the providential significance of this Holy Wedding.



A full view of the Holy Wedding venue in Cheon Jeong Gung

From an era when blessed families alone could graft to the True Family's lineage during True Father's lifetime, True Parents, through succeeding in all aspects of the providence, have opened wide a new era through which the world's seven billion people, the Cain realm representing all people, can now be grafted to the true lineage of the True Family.

Through this, a new era has been opened, one through which the satanic lineage passed down to all people through the Fall of the first ancestors can be corrected and everyone can be saved centered on our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

The door to rebirth centered on True Parents' teachings and tradition and not on the culture of the satanic world has been opened wide.

Through this Holy Wedding, we have assimilated the Cain realm based

on the blessing standard and tradition that must be kept by our Unification community centered on True Parents who are the owners of the true lineage. Thereby, we have formed a foundation through which we can protect True Parents' teachings and tradition and through which the blessing centered on True Parents can embrace all seven billion people and be established on earth for eternity.

To make this possible, True Mother asked the brides and grooms to receive a special forty-day workshop. Mother herself prepared for the Holy Wedding with sincere prayers and conditions during this period. True Mother, in complete unity with True Father, had to particularly go through labor pains of re-creation to give birth to new life with Heaven's true lineage.

In addition, Yeon-jin nim, Jeung-jin nim and their husbands, whom True

Parents welcomed after many conditions had been established, prepared for and received the Holy Wedding under the condition that they put aside everything during the forty-day workshop in Cheongpyeong and maintain absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience centered on True Parents' teachings.

**RYU KYEONG-SEUK,
PRESIDENT OF FFWPU-KOREA**

I would like to offer my humble opinion about the animated movie, *The Little Mermaid*, which we viewed with True Parents during Chuseok. I believe that the joint Holy Wedding of Yeon-jin nim and Jeung-jin nim was not a one-time event being permitted only for a member of True Parents' family; rather I see it as part of the final, conclusive and perfecting progress of the providence to

save all humankind under the great victorious benefit bestowed in the providential history of salvation.

If we are to look at the Little Mermaid story, we find that the world of mermaids and the human world cannot meet. However, the little mermaid came to love a human prince and so entered a contract with a witch to sell her voice, which was as precious to her as her soul, to gain human legs. Although her father, King Triton, had the power to give her human legs, he did not allow this because of the rule forbidding mermaids to meet human beings. Later, however, the king realized the love between his daughter and the human prince, and perhaps in recognition for defeating the witch, he acknowledged their love, gave his daughter legs, and allowed them to be married whereupon they lived happily ever. It was not that the parent did not have the potential to give his child legs; rather he did not do so because it was not the right time.

The words "true love" comes up in the movie. Once the time for the completion of providence comes to us, I think it will be a time where we will forgive all things with true love, love one another and unite. Recently, True Mother emphasized that we should "forgive, love and unite." She told us that we should disseminate these words like the "flu." I am convinced that all of this is happening because it is the right time. Now we are in an era where as long as we can unite with True Parents' true love, study their words and be born again, we can be reborn through the Holy Spirit and live to see the kingdom of God, just as Jesus promised Nicodemus.

**YOO KYOUNG-DEUK,
PRESIDENT OF THE YOUTH FEDERATION
FOR WORLD PEACE**

Seeing True Mother so happy at the wedding ceremony today, I thought of the cross True Parents and the True Children had to carry because we, the blessed families, children from the Cain realm, could not fulfill our responsibility. I could not but lower my head and repent. I express my sincere gratitude to our True Mother who has again taken responsibility for everything and made this day possible, relieving our hearts from their burden.



Just after their engagement ceremony, Yeon-jin nim (right) and Jeung-jin nim with True Mother

True Mother said "I witnessed to two families from the first generation realm, and guided them with God's word. They have been born again. Today is your birthday." I realized that, once more, True Mother went through labor in order to save humankind and all blessed families.

Through this Holy Wedding, we have to realize that the authority of the blessing lies solely with the True Parents. We have to know clearly that True Parents have walked the path of suffering and sacrifice and set the indemnity conditions to satisfy both God and Satan, in order to give us the blessing. Through this blessing, a new era to restore and win over all humankind has been opened centered on True Parents. We are grateful that the gate of blessing, which is the gateway for all humankind centered on True Parents' words and tradition, has been opened even wider.

**SONG YONG-CHEON,
CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF BLESSED
FAMILIES IN JAPAN**

I would like to express that the very first thing I felt is that this is a miracle. I am grateful for True Mother's labors in creating new life and new families through the forty-day workshop. A forty-day workshop is a long time. I believe that it would not be possible without True Parents' sincere devotion behind the scenes. It is True Mother's spiritual power that has made this glorious day possible. It was Yeon-jin nim and Jeung-jin nim's couples' wedding day but it is a day of glory for all members. This was a wedding that opened the way for the 7 billion people of the world.

I was very moved when I heard

Sun-jin nim's testimony that True Mother personally guided and witnessed to the two grooms during the forty days. I felt deep love, seeing all the True Children testify to True Mother. I also felt Heaven working during True Mother's one hour of guidance for us on four thousand years of history.

**KIM KI-HOON,
REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF NORTH AMERICA**

Today was truly a festive day of harmony and blessing as we attended our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The spiritual and physical worlds were united, centered on Cheon Jeong Gung. True Parents always had to move forward for the sake of God's providence and hence could not take care of their own children. Therefore, we blessed families, as children on Satan's side, should have devoted our hearts and souls into creating a good environment for the True Children. However we were unable to fulfill that responsibility and I feel very sorry when I think that due to this, the True Children had to live very difficult and lonely lives.

Through this occasion, True Mother forgave us for not being able to fulfill our responsibility, embraced us with true love and gave us the great blessing and grace of spreading wide the realm of the True Parents' heart to all humankind. Only True Mother can do this. Therefore, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and to Yeon-jin nim and Jeung-jin nim. ㄸ

**AN YOUNG-SIK,
REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF EUROPE**



Sun-jin nim reading True Mother's address in a full stadium at Global Youth Festival 2014



Chairman Song, President Tokuno and Nigeria's Ambassador to Japan, Godwin Nsude Agbo

The Path to the Future World of Peace

On September 23 in the Chiba Makuhari Event Hall, Moon Sun-jin, director-general of the FFWPU International Office, delivered this, True Mother's address, to approximately ten thousand young people on hand for Global Youth Festival 2014, the main theme of which urged young people to make an international contribution.

Distinguished guests, beloved blessed families, and youth leaders and student leaders from throughout Japan!

I am honored to be with all of you today and to participate in Global Youth Festival 2014, a youth rally to pioneer the future.

I feel especially privileged to have been asked by my mother, Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon, to represent her today and to present on her behalf her keynote address. My mother asked me to convey her love and appreciation to all of you. You are the hope of the future. I ask you to listen carefully

to my mother's Founder's Address. It contains deep and valuable insights that can serve as a guide for this Global Youth Festival. I will now begin to read the Founder's Address.

Beloved young leaders! I sincerely congratulate you for hosting Global Youth Festival 2014 here in Japan. Heaven's providence has always advanced in a profound and mysterious manner through the unity of Korea and Japan. One good example of this was the 2002 FIFA World Cup, which the two nations cohosted.

I also think it significant that as we gather here, the Asian Games, in

which forty-five nations and regions are participating, are being held in Incheon, Korea. If the Asian Games in Incheon are regarded, in an external sense, as a sports festival in which young athletes participate for the harmony of Asia, this Global Youth Festival in Japan can be considered, in a more internal sense, to be a peace festival in which young Japanese men and women participate for the sake of world peace. I sincerely hope that you young people of Japan become the leading figures that clean up the agonies, injustices and misunderstandings of the past, and bring harmony



Perhaps ten thousand young people came to Global Youth Festival 2014.

and cooperation between the peoples of Korea and Japan. In this way, you can also achieve harmony in Asia and peace in the world.

Many people are suffering from the effects of climate change, environmental pollution, regional conflicts—and particularly from the confusion of values. My heart is deeply pained as I observe this reality. We must fundamentally change this deplorable situation and open a new era of peace.

When the world falls into confusion and people the world over lose track of their true center, Heaven will call upon young people with a vision. When young people join together as one, opening their hearts to Heaven's guidance and living for a higher purpose, they have opened pathways to peace, and launched great spiritual, moral and social revolutions. In this way, the world can be transformed.

When God inspired history's prophets, he also called upon righteous people to follow his will. Among those he called, he first sought out young people. What is meant by young people? Does it include only those in their twenties and thirties? I do not think so. Suppose, at the age of

seventy, someone holds a dream in his or her heart, has the passion to achieve that dream and fights through any number of difficulties, injustices and obstacles to achieve it. I believe that such a person, advancing toward that dream with an unshakable will, can be considered a young person. In contrast, suppose someone in his or her twenties has no dream or passion, and gives in to injustice and settles for the status quo. Is that a "young" person? No, that person is already old. Age cannot be a standard for youth. Are you all young people? Or are you old?

Beloved young people! My husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, received Heaven's calling at the age of sixteen and strove to discover God's will. He read the Bible over and over again, such that its pages were dog-eared. He understood Heaven's will and heart, prayed so hard that calluses formed on his knees and wept bitterly over God's sorrowful circumstances. When he studied at the Waseda College of Engineering here in Japan, he sincerely devoted himself to becoming a true person. He lived according to the personal motto that

he must achieve mastery over himself before desiring to have mastery over the universe.

Ultimately, the young Rev. Moon uncovered the deepest heavenly truths: God's purpose and the Principle of Creation, the origin of sin and of the Fall, the path of restoration that humankind must walk in order to become the people God originally intended, and the principles of development in the natural world as well as in human history.

When I was just six years old, it was prophesied that I would become the bride of Heaven. At the age of seventeen, I married Reverend Moon. My husband and I dedicated our lives to establishing the models of true parents, true teachers and true owners. Centering on this vision, we spent every day of our lives educating people the world over. Even though the way to liberating God, bringing salvation to humanity and realizing a world of peace has been a road of thorns, we followed this path with grateful hearts. We did not permit ourselves to complain for even a moment.

Looking back, my life can be compared to the ocean. The ocean has a

broad enough bosom to embrace and become one with the heavens above, even coming to resemble its sky-blue color. The ocean lies at the lowest level, receiving all the waters of the world. The ocean embraces everything and gives birth to all life. Many kinds of life grow abundantly in the ocean. In response to the moon's gravitational pull, there is the ebb and flow of the tides and the changes of the seasons. In response to the sun's warmth, vapor forms on the surface of the ocean and the climate is regulated.

A calm ocean may look peaceful on the surface, but deep beneath, vast currents, such as the Kuroshio Current surge. In this way, the oceans are constantly in motion. When a huge wave breaks, it can swallow everything. Moreover, people cannot see the whirlpool forming deep beneath the ocean. These phenomena resemble Heaven's providence and at the same time symbolize the dynamics of the life I have lived. Standing at the center of God's providence, which raged like a storm, I have experienced so many deep and diverse situations that I only know, but can never speak of. Suffice to say that, despite all the difficulties, I did not get sucked down into the whirlpools. Instead, by riding on and overcoming them, I was victorious and fulfilled the providence of restoration through indemnity, always standing alongside my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

The God that I encountered was a miserable, suffering God, whose omniscience and omnipotence have been constrained. Even though God created the spiritual and earthly worlds, due to the fall of the first human beings, God has never been able to call to us, "My son! My daughter!" Such a grieving God has been our father, our mother. Such is the heart of our Heavenly Parent. The excruciating pain of God's heart is so intense that if you were to experience it fully, your blood would boil, your bones weep and your bone marrow would melt. Throughout history, God has carried in his heart this burdens of pain and bitterness.

When I speak of this, my heart feels as though it may explode. I have dedicated my life to liberating the painful heart of our Heavenly Parent and to



opening a new era of joy and peace, overflowing with love. Such an era has been opened on the foundation of True Parents' having victoriously completed the providence of restoration through indemnity. On this foundation, our Heavenly Parent is looking for prepared, righteous people in order to pour out his love and grace upon them.

Young leaders who have gathered here today! Will you become the leading people for such an undertaking? Just like the Kuroshio Current that moves the waters of the Pacific Ocean, will you rise as young heroes who can move history? A youth movement centered on the teachings of this new truth was already born in Korea in 1954 and is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. That movement in Japan is also celebrating its fifty-fifth anniversary.

The young people who have come to know this new truth and who follow God's will are playing a very active role at this time in history, going beyond Japan, beyond Asia and out into the world. They are teaching and guiding people to love God, to love other people and to love one's nation. Going beyond selfish individualism, they have dedicated themselves to a life of sacrifice and service. They are the leaders of the "pure love movement" and a moral awakening in a world plagued by promiscuity, sexual addictions and decadence.

The social system, however, cannot

change in a moment. Young people must lead the way. There is no time to delay. Your nation and the entire world need you take a stand—at this very moment, and from this very place. Let us all stand together. We can change this world, beginning with "me," beginning with "us."

Now the world is calling for a true youth movement that opens up a new future. If you respond to Heaven's call and fulfill your responsibilities, you will become heroes to be remembered in history; otherwise, you will completely vanish from history.

How can we achieve everlasting peace? We must recover our original nature and strengthen our conscience. As a result of the fall of our first ancestors, humanity fell into ignorance and our original nature became concealed. The wall of ignorance continuously grew over six thousand biblical years and is now a high and thick wall. The river of our fallen nature has become wide and deep. It is difficult to climb over this wall or cross this river using human power alone.

Our Heavenly Parent, who is the embodiment of true love, stands ever ready to help us. However, it is all up to us now. We must awaken, listen to and obey our conscience. The conscience is our second God, our second Heavenly Parent. If we are always spiritually awake, with truth and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and we pray and live with gratitude for each circumstance of our lives, we will be



able to hear our Heavenly Parent's voice and experience the love that can cause your whole body to quake.

Going a step further, all people must meet God's representative. Human history has been the providence of restoration to establish one central figure. Two thousand years ago, God sent Jesus Christ, his only begotten son. But the leaders of his time ended up crucifying him because of their disbelief. Hence, the fulfillment of Heaven's providence had to be prolonged until the time of the Second Advent.

Finally, the Lord returned; he found Heaven's bride, the only begotten daughter, and together they emerged as the True Parents. Humanity has ushered in such a blessed era. All people need to be able to meet our Heavenly Parent's representatives, the True Parents. They should be able to attend and follow them. Only by doing so can humanity be rid of the original sin that has been passed down from one generation to the next, for over six thousand biblical years. Only by attending and following the True Parents can we be reborn as people filled with love and wisdom, which is the original ideal and standard envisioned by our Heavenly Parent at the time of the Creation.

Beloved young leaders! People, who have brought mind and body into unity and who practice true love by serving, volunteering and contributing to society in accordance with

the conscience can truly be called good men and women. If these people meet True Parents, receive the holy blessing based on true love, and form exemplary families, these families will become the cornerstone of peace. A true family is the nucleus of a peaceful world. When a true family is expanded, a new era of true nations and a true world opens up.

My husband and I have put our lives on the line for the realization of peace. In 1991, my husband gave a speech that has become a legend. This speech was given at Mansudae Assembly Hall, North Korea's National Assembly. His critique of the Juche ideology and his statement that the two Koreas must unite through true love centered on our Heavenly Parent, created shockwaves, especially since it was given in the very heart of North Korea, the Juche "kingdom." As he spoke, I felt as if North Korean security guards would come dashing toward us at any time. Those in our entourage broke out in a cold sweat. However, as the speech concluded we came to realize that this historical meeting with North Korean leader Kim Il-sung had opened a new door to the possibility of reunification for the two Koreas.

When following the path that leads to a peaceful world, we should confidently move forward even when we are required to risk our lives. There is a Russian embassy in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1985, when the com-

munist realm was at the peak of its expansion, hundreds of people from the Professors World Peace Academy gathered at the Intercontinental Hotel, which in those days was right across the road from the Russian Embassy, and made a historic proclamation. According to my husband's guidance, scholars at the conference proclaimed that communism would collapse within five years. They carried out Heaven's plan despite the apparent dangers.

A few years later, CARP students marched to the Berlin Wall in Germany, shouting out that the wall should disappear. They held on to the wall and shed many tears as they prayed to God for that outcome. They prayed for unity and for the fulfillment of the dream of one family under God. Those students came from many different countries; they were young people promoting the unification of Germany at the risk of their lives.

Soon afterward, an amazing event took place. The Berlin Wall collapsed. The collapse of the Eastern European communist bloc followed, and we witnessed the miraculous disintegration of the Soviet Union, where communism had originated. So the professors' prophecy came true. Since the 1960s, we had carried out Victory Over Communism activities in Korea and Japan. Responsible journalism played a central role in shaping public opinion through factual and objective

reporting on the injustices of communism. *Sekkai Nippo* in Japan, the *Washington Times* in the United States, and *Últimas Noticias* in South America, among others, stood righteously for truth and justice at that time. We inspired a movement for Victory over Communism in the democratic world, which provided great support in bringing an end to the cold war.

Even though there are many who contributed to this result, I believe Heaven was moved by the sacrifices and prayers of our young members who, at that time, risked their lives to carry forward this movement. I am sure that among those here today are some who actually took part in those activities. I also know that there are young people here today who, even after the cold war era, dedicated themselves to the movement for unification, justice and peace in different parts of the world. Often they were separated from their families and loved ones. They are the heroes and pride of history. Please give them a big round of applause.

Ladies and gentlemen, the path of living in accordance with the conscience and following the course of restoration through indemnity is difficult. The providence of restoration often requires that we go forward in faith and obedience. Those who do not know of the providence may persecute us, threaten us and even actually cause us physical harm. My husband and I, for the sake of Heavenly Parent, have forgiven the unforgivable; and for the sake of humanity, loved the unlovable. We also preached to unite beyond national borders for the sake of world peace.

Then, what kind of lives must people lead to become leaders in a great revolutionary era? Yes, first we must lead a life of gratitude. Even though it is not easy to be grateful for everything at all times, a grateful heart brings unity of mind and body. When we empty out our hearts and repent, a life of gratitude can begin. We must always train ourselves to experience and remain awake to the fact that our Heavenly Parent is constantly with us, dwelling with us and sharing our joys and suffering. Always be joyful; pray unceasingly. By so doing, those around you will find happiness,

whether in the tiniest thing or in the greatest adventure.

Second, we must live a life of forgiveness. When my husband was unjustly incarcerated in prison at Danbury, he said not to pray for him but to pray for the United States. He invested all efforts to move the people of the United States, in order to save the world. As a result, many American leaders and Christian pastors took the lead in bringing about an end to the cold war; later, they also joined hands for the interreligious peace movement. When we forgive the sins of others as you would forgive yours, amazing blessings are given to us from Heaven.

Third, we should live a life of love. True love is a love by which we continuously live for others, investing in others and forgetting that we have done so. Those people that live for their own sake may fare well in the beginning, but they will decline in the end. This is a law of nature. We have invested more into the world than into our own church. For example, it was only after fifty years of our ministry that we erected a new headquarters building in Seoul, despite the dilapidated state of the Korean headquarters during that period. We are also aware of the serious financial difficulties facing blessed families. Be assured that Heaven will never forget your dedication and sacrifice to develop the providence.

Fourth, we must live a life of unity. Our original minds and consciences, and our bodies and minds, must become one centered on Heaven's true love. When parents and children live in harmony within the family, when nations live in harmony within the world, and when the spiritual world and physical world harmonize, then and only then can an eternal ideal world of peace come about. There is no unity where there is no center. It is easy for siblings to fight when parents are not present. This happens because the siblings do not fully appreciate or understand their parents' desire and do not understand their parents' deep heart. Only by establishing a connection of heart centered on true love can we understand our parents' desire and heart. Only in this way can we become one in heart, one in body, one in mind, and one in harmony with

our parents. This occurs when our thoughts, emotions, words and actions are one. When this takes place, we can attend God in our lives as our parent. When this happens, you and I won't be separated people. We will instead become one family, brothers and sisters in the same lineage. Then, we can heal and bring an end to the numerous agonies and struggles within ourselves, and at the same time we can bring an end to wars between nations, which are actually brothers.


Beloved young leaders! Whenever my husband and I faced hardship, we did not evade them. No matter how unjust the persecution we received, we did not blame anyone; rather, we loved them. When we overcame ordeals in this manner, blessings that we could not even imagine took place. Within half a century, we built a foundation of international peace and mission work in 194 countries. We have laid the cornerstone for one world and one family under our Heavenly Parent.

If we begin the peace movement on such a foundation, our lives, indeed all of history, will certainly change. Our moral culture will rapidly evolve. We will be able to expedite developments toward a world of peace, transcending religious and national barriers. We will be able to realize a life of joy and a world of peace, which is the desire of all people.

Young leaders! Gratitude brings about heavenly fortune; forgiveness opens the hearts of people; and love moves people's hearts. Let us all be grateful for everything, forgive our enemies, love our neighbors as one's own flesh and work in oneness for peace. Young people of Japan! Let us all move to the wider world and take the lead in saving the world.

Prayer

Beloved Heavenly Parent! Please bless this country of Japan. Please enable all those who have gathered here to attend you as their Parent, not just by using intellect but from the bottom of their hearts.

Let all those gathered here wear the armor of truth, see the world with eyes of wisdom and through love, become leaders in achieving peace for the sake of their neighbors and all the world! Thank you. 

Our Challenge at this Time: Building a World of Lasting Peace

By Moon Sun-jin

What follows are excerpts from the remainder of True Mother's speech, begun in our last issue, that Sun-jin read at the opening plenary of UPF World Summit 2014.

Ladies and gentlemen, for the sake of our nations and the world, we must open our hearts and minds to receive the guidance of God, our Heavenly Parent.

Interreligious cooperation

Among 7 billion people, well over two thirds are religious. The great civilizations throughout history have endured because of their religious and spiritual foundations. Religion has always called us to examine the deeper, underlying reality of our existence—to turn our eyes, our hearts and our minds toward Heaven, and to listen to those Heaven has sent to earth.

However, while called into being by God's direct intervention, religions and religious believers often stray from the true path. As such, we witness a dark side of religion, expressed in narrow sectarianism, extremism, bigotry and triumphalism. These deviations have led to serious disunity and even conflict among believers of various religions. This reality undermines Heaven's will and breaks God's heart. That is why a movement to bring together leaders and believers from all spiritual traditions, in mutual respect and cooperation, is important. For more than fifty years, we have invested more of our resources in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue than in our own church. It is that important!

Our efforts in the Middle East, and especially the Holy Land, are carried out by UPF through MEPI (Middle East Peace Initiative), and date back to my husband's visit there in 1965. At that time, with a sincere prayer for unity among Jews, Christians and Muslims, he dedicated a holy ground near the Garden of Gethsemane. He cried out to God, and to Jesus, Moses

and Mohammad. Since that day, not a year has passed without serious investment being made to promote harmony and cooperation among religions, and even among the various sects that are often disunited within each religious tradition.

In 2000, Father Moon and I spoke at the United Nations, calling for the UN to establish an interreligious council. This council would fill a gap at the United Nations, serving as a senate or "upper house" of spiritual and moral leaders. The members of the council would be expected to rise above sectarian or partisan interests, and advocate for the good of the whole human family, not merely one nation or religion.

The following year, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, we responded immediately by convening, four weeks after the attacks, a major international interfaith conference in New York City aimed at stopping the spread of violence. At that time, we conferred with Muslim leaders and planned a series of "Muslim Summits" to promote peace. Similar initiatives have been carried out over several decades in a variety of places where interreligious discord feeds the potential for conflict.

Good government

Just as internal corruption and hostile relations among religions stand in the way of lasting peace, the same problems plague relations among nation states. When the cold war ended twenty-five years ago, we thought perhaps a new millennium of peace would emerge. However, we can see that many obstacles remain. The Middle East is now on fire with conflict. The crisis in Ukraine threatens the sta-

bility of the international order. East Asia faces continuous threats, including those from increased militarization, complex disputes over island territories and North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Through the programs of UPF, WFP and other organizations, we have been actively engaged in seeking to resolve these conflicts, offering "soft power" alternatives to "hard power" politics, aggression and open conflict.

For example, we have been convening, over many years, a series of programs aimed at promoting peace in Northeast Asia. As a counterpart to MEPI, we call this series the Northeast Asia Peace Initiative (NEAPI). We hold these programs continuously in Korea, Japan, the United States, and recently in Vladivostok, Russia. We are considering future programs for China, Mongolia and even North Korea. Through dialogue, we can build trust, mutual respect, and break down the barriers that stand in the way of cooperation.

During the cold war, my husband and I were straightforwardly opposed to communist ideology, which advocated violent revolution, limited freedoms and atheism. Our opposition to communism was based on an affirmation of religious freedom, limited government, rule of law, and open markets. These ideals were expressed through the organization we founded in 1980 called CAUSA. We also convened an important international conference in Geneva, in 1985, sponsored by the Professors World Peace Academy, to discuss the imminent demise of the Soviet Union and the need to prepare for a post-Soviet world.

We never closed the door to dialogue. We made every effort to meet

leaders of the Soviet Union and North Korea. In 1990, we held a Summit in Moscow with the support and participation of President Gorbachev and his wife Raisa. We did everything we could to promote a smooth transition from communism to democracy in Russia. We placed strong emphasis on good governance, character education for youth, the strengthening of civil society and religious freedom. In 1991, we travelled to North Korea to meet its president, Kim Il Sung, the grandfather of North Korea's current leader, Kim Jong-un. Despite our aversion to North Korean policies, including assassination attempts on my husband, we embraced President Kim and urged him to open the borders to dialogue, economic cooperation, and people-to-people exchange through sports, the arts, tourism, and humanitarian relief efforts. We have invested enormous resources in North Korea, in order to reduce tensions and build the trust that is necessary for peaceful reunification.

Over several decades, we invested in the Americas, and especially the United States. Our love for America was not based on nationalism, or a lack of awareness of its flaws, but rather it was based on an understanding of America's unique position and responsibility in the world. The United States, as the leading nation of the free world, represents ideals of freedom, religious liberty, human rights, democratic government and rule of law. Many countries around the world have admired and emulated the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. America was blessed by God, and was called to a sacred mission.

But with that blessing came great responsibility, the responsibility to share the blessing and serve other nations in order to establish a world of true love and lasting peace. Unfortunately, beginning in the 1960s, many people in the United States began to lose sight of that truth. We began to see the spread of drug abuse, free sex, individualism and materialism. Thus began a trend toward spiritual and moral decline.

Beginning with our arrival in the United States in 1971, my husband and I sought to bring about a great awakening through a grassroots

movement dedicated to spiritual and moral renewal. My husband always said that God had called us to serve "in the role of a doctor or firefighter." We had come to heal the nation, and to put out the fire of selfishness and corruption. The United States had lost its way and needed to rekindle the God-centered spirit that had prevailed at the time of its founding. This was the message that my husband and I conveyed to Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Reagan and Bush, and to hundreds of members of congress in the U.S. Capitol, and to many millions of ordinary Americans from every religion, race and cultural background.

In April 2008, my husband and I convened the "Americas Summit" in Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of the UPF, and dedicated to the theme, "Toward a New Paradigm of Leadership and Good Governance for Development and Peace in the Americas." The former U.S. president, George H. W. Bush, and former Uruguayan president, Julio Maria Sanguinetti, made substantial contributions to the success of this important meeting. My husband and I encouraged both of these leaders to work for the unity of the Americas.

In Jardim, Brazil, we established the Ideal Family Education Headquarters for World Peace, and attracted people from around the world that aspired to create an ideal community. We also established a farm there—New Hope Farm—and invited people to come there to work the land, live together and learn with people from around the world. Thus began a movement to build a model, ideal community, in harmony with the environment. In the Pantanal region, as well, centering on Puerto Leda in the Paraguay River basin, we have worked to build an ideal village, with international volunteers living and working together in harmony with nature. We established a farm there with the vision of developing resources for the benefit of the people of the world. In addition, we launched a fish-farming project. Fish farming is necessary, because in the future it will be difficult to supply enough fish from what can be harvested from the open sea. In May last year, we were successful in raising our first batch of pacu. We were honored at that time with a visit from then

Paraguayan President Federico Franco and other government officials. Many other major oceanic, fishery and boat-building initiatives have been undertaken over the past forty years—from Kodiak, Alaska, to Antarctica, and from Yeosu, Korea to Gloucester, Massachusetts.


Proper stewardship and care for the environment is essential at this time. Climate change, rising sea levels, deforestation, desertification, an inadequate supply of clean water, malnutrition, and the rising cost of food products require our immediate attention. God created us to love and care for the Earth and all its blessings.

Conclusion

Beloved World Summit participants! My husband and I have lived our lives according to the guidance of Heaven. Called by God to embrace all humanity with the heart of True Parents, we have invested our entire beings for the sake of God's liberation, the salvation of humankind, and the realization of a peaceful world. We have faced many challenges and tribulations on this path, but we have been undeterred in carrying out our heavenly mission.

I pray that we work together in this great mission to build a unified world of peace and prosperity, as one family under God. Please do everything you can to renew and transform your nations and build a world of lasting peace, as envisioned by God from the beginning of time. Such a world goes beyond the divisions of religion, race, ethnicity and nationality. God's ideal world is a borderless world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness.

I pray that the World Summit will serve as an important turning point for all the people of the world. Next year, at World Summit 2015, we will present the Sun Hak Peace Award to an individual or institution that best embodies the principles of peace that my husband and I have espoused in accordance with God's will. Your input and recommendations would be most welcome.

I invite you all to take up this challenge of building a new world of universal peace. Let us all stand together as one and build one family under God. May God's blessings be with every one of you, your families and your nations. Thank you very much. 

Members in the U.S. Honor True Father's Memory

A National Memorial Service to commemorate the second anniversary of True Father's ascension took place on September 20 in the Hammerstein Ballroom of the Manhattan Center in New York City. A banquet afterward afforded an opportunity to reflect on ways to reach expectations for the movement that Father had so deeply inspired.



Moon Yeon-ah nim, WFWP international president, reading True Mother's address

The God's Hope for America Holy Ground Pilgrimage, a fifty-five-day tour of the U.S. along the course that Father took as he created holy grounds throughout the nation formed a basis for this anniversary event. During the

pilgrimage, members reminisced, drawing out memories, recalling direct experiences from the years that they were fortunate enough to have True Parents physically present in their nation. In this way, they invited True Father's spirit among them.

On the day True Parents had arrived from Korea (via Canada) to live in the United States, they disembarked from their flight in Washington DC. That evening, two hundred miles away, the Little Angels would perform in Carnegie Hall, which some would call the country's premier performing arts auditorium, indicating that long before they began their many years' sojourn in the U.S., our church had a foundation there and the nation was already feeling True Parents' benevolent influence. True Parents' direct presence in the nation, beginning on December 18, 1971, was a deep blessing for the nation and for the members that closely interacted with them.

On September 20, more than three thousand people came together for their National Memorial Service to sing to the heavens and to celebrate the legacy of True Parents' years in America and True Father's years on earth. Michael Balcomb, president of the church in United States, introduced the event by saying, "Today we have gathered here to celebrate the life of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, our True Father. And what a life it was! For many, perhaps most of those in the audience, we know him as our True Father, our spiritual guide, the one who showed us the way back to God."

As a testimony to True Father's efforts to bring harmony to religious people, the memorial included a small ceremony symbolic of peace between faiths. Rev. Marilyn Kotulek, the co-chair of the American Clergy Leadership Council in the state of Oklahoma represented female religious leaders, though the representative of Unificationism, Minister Nandi Bengu (who

also later added her beautiful voice to gospel songs), and the representative of Judaism, Chaya Eliya Kranz, are also female. Guru Dileepji, represented Hinduism. Imam Shamsi Ali, who represented Islam, was greeted with warm applause when he said, "I am thrilled and highly honored to be among my family, this morning, under God." The third man in the group, Rev. Robert Waterman represented Christianity.

Bishop Cecil G. Riley, a Brooklyn New York-based pastor of the Freedom Hall Church of God, was the emcee for the ceremony. He is also the regional chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference and as he proudly announced, he is one of ACLC's founding members. Bishop Riley concluded the ceremony by say, "This is a wonderful demonstration to the world that we are indeed one family under God."

The regional president for North America, Rev. Kim Ki-hoon thanked the audience for coming to the event "which honored the life and legacy of our True Father." Rev. Kim told the audience that a month earlier thirty thousand people had attended the commemoration of True Father's ascension in Cheongpyeong. He added, "It was truly a universal celebration, representing all the people of not only this world, but even the spirit world. We were greatly encouraged by Mother Moon who is moving forward

confidently at the center of God's providence. As you know Father and Mother Moon spent much of their lives working right here, in the United States. They came here to build up the proud, Christian tradition of America and to put into practice their motto by living for the sake of others. With True Mother, Hak-ja Han Moon, we recommit ourselves to the clear goal of Vision 2020."

Overcoming adversity

Another key speaker at the National Memorial Service in New York was Dan Burton, a retired congressman that had served fifteen-terms representing the state of Indiana. He began by complimenting Prof. Moon Yeon-ah, Hyo-jin nim's widow, who is the president of WFWP International: "The founders' address that was so beautifully presented here today by Mother Moon's daughter-in law points out that religious leaders play a central role in achieving peace, because real peace must be rooted in God. I know that the life of Rev. Moon was by no means an easy one. He encountered opposition and persecution throughout his life...." As he had done at the memorial service held in Korea on August 12, Mr. Burton spoke about Father's imprisonment in the United States not being "the will of righteous American people—but a tragic case of religious persecution and bigotry."

In his remarks, Mr. Burton alluded to hearings overseen by Senator Orrin Hatch on religious freedom in America. Father testified at those Senate hearings. To glean something of True Father's experience in America, we can still read his recorded testimony:

The survival of the entire world depends on America fulfilling her responsibility. America is the last bastion of freedom. For the last twelve years, I have given my heart and soul and every drop of sweat and tears for the sake of this nation. In the process of fulfilling this mission, I have become controversial, and in some quarters, unpopular. I have been persecuted. However, I am by no means the first religious leader to have experienced persecution. Many of the major religious figures in the Judeo-Christian tradition have taken this path of suffering through persecution. Today, I am honored to follow the same tradition.... I have done everything I could for America. I have had just one goal in mind: to strengthen the moral fiber of America and enlarge her capacity to fulfill God's will.


Neil Salonen, proclaimed the commemoration of True Father's legacy in the United States, "A momentous day!" and said, "It was my honor and privilege to be at the second anniversary commemoration in Korea. How-



The National Memorial Service took place in the 12,000-square-foot Hammerstein Ballroom.

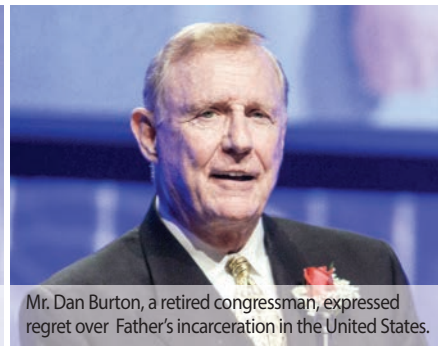
ever, there is an additional level of meaning to be celebrating here today in the very room where True Father spoke to us so many times.”

Before asking the audience members to rise to their feet and join him in three cheers of *eog mansei*, Rev. Yang Chang-shik, chairman of UPE, spoke a few words about True Parents, saying, “Throughout their lives, Father and Mother Moon, our True Parents, had a beautiful tradition of honoring God, our Heavenly Parent, first. We learned from them to encourage each other by loudly and boldly proclaiming—first, our confidence in God’s love and mercy—second, the victory of True Parents—and third, our determination to build God’s kingdom on earth.”

Following the memorial event was a banquet at which prominent figures were honored and various people expressed their determination to take the American movement forward. Lena Yasutake, a member of WFWP’s board of directors, introduced the Sunhak Peace Prize, which we covered in our September issue in some detail, to the assembled leaders. Following the banquet, younger people, close to sixty next-generation leaders who come from a variety of Unificationist church experiences, met. Thus, in the first part of the commemorative event, the U.S. church recalled Father’s legacy, investment and vision, and in the second, they focused on implementation. 



North American Regional President Kim Ki-hoon welcomed everyone.



Mr. Dan Burton, a retired congressman, expressed regret over Father’s incarceration in the United States.



Abp. George Stallings, founder, Imani Temple African American Catholic Congregation, prayed.



President Neil Salonen of Bridgeport University gave words of encouragement.



A ceremony symbolic of harmony between religions took place.



The National Memorial Service concluded with cheers of *eog-mansei*.

True Parents in Canada and Their Love for All Nations

By Franco Famularo

During Father's short time on earth, he touched country after country, even symbolically, to make the condition of sharing the love of God and the blessing of True Parents.

True Parents' unexpected arrival in Canada, December 12, 1971

In 1971, True Parents journeyed to the United States to begin their ministry there, but U.S. officials initially denied Father entry. Suddenly the Canadian family, which had fewer than a dozen members at the time, learned that True Parents would be arriving in Toronto. Although Father would explain the spiritual significance of visiting Canada, the practical purpose was to obtain a visa for entry into the United States.

Our members then lived in a small rented downtown row house. Upon their arrival, Father immediately requested that the hotel reservation be cancelled. He insisted that they would stay with the members. "I want to stay with my family," he said. Since there was little furniture and no beds, True Parents slept on foam mattresses placed on the floor of a bedroom on the top floor of the row house. Father did not complain; he sought to put his hosts at ease, especially as they were rather nervous and shy upon meeting their spiritual leader for the first time. Such was the beginning of True Parents' course in North America.

Father spent time informally with the members, asking personal questions such as their age, occupation and length of time in the movement. He showed a photo album of his family. Despite having had a long journey, Father spoke with everyone until 2:00 am about the destiny of Korea and his plans for America. After graciously receiving an envelope containing a gift of a thousand dollars the members had offered, Father stated that they could not afford to give him money. He then took a thousand dollars from

his own resources and returned the envelope with double the amount suggesting that they use the funds to further the Canadian mission.

The next morning, while one of our brothers was shaving in the kitchenette (since the one and only bathroom was occupied) he saw someone in the mirror. It was none other than Father in his undershirt coming in to wash his face. So intimate were the circumstances.

Each evening Father spoke for several hours concerning various nations and their roles in the providence of restoration and on "The Formula for God's Providence." In the conclusion to his speech on December 14, Father said, "When you pray, do not pray for yourself, but for others. If you do this, the result will be yours. Do not pray for the Unification Church, the Unified Family, but pray that God may use you to save Canada and save the world, at the cost of your lives."

Father's vision was to save Canada and the world. Many guests also visited the center and Father spoke to them about Jesus and Restoration.

Father's visa situation was resolved on December 17. The following day, he and his party departed for Washington D.C.

In 1976, Father said the following to an American audience:

Recently, I went to Montreal and had lunch with members there. A man who has been a member of the church for eight years vividly remembered my arrival in America on December 18, 1971.... I did not have a visa to enter America from Korea, so I came to Canada instead. Our members in America were

very persistent in asking the State Department, "Why won't you issue a visa to Father?" Ironically, officials kept telling them that I was a communist, so I was undesirable in this country. Finally, it was proven to them that I have truly been crusading for the victory over communism and they could not resist any further....

The Canadian members asked me to stay in Canada, but I told them that according to God's plan I must achieve certain goals in the next three and a half years in America, because America is the focal point of world restoration. The eight-year member confessed that four years ago he doubted me and could not trust what I had said. He thought at that time that I was a crazy person. Now everything has been accomplished as I said, and he is willing to hear my plans for the next three and a half years.

Although Alan Wilding, the eight-year member in the story, later denied ever saying Father was crazy, he did agree that Father had accurately portrayed the gist of the conversation.

For providential reasons, Father visited Canada ten times during his lifetime—on his own in 1965, and with Mother on nine other occasions, while Mother came on her own when she spoke at public events on eight occasions. On their second visit of 1991, True Parents arrived in Canada by car shortly after 3:00 AM on June 14. Shortly after 7:00 AM, True Parents held a special ceremony with Japanese members who had accompanied them. According to reports given by the Japanese, Father prayed and

asked Mother to pledge that she would continue his messianic mission after he died. Father then asked Mother to give that pledge in the Japanese language in front of the Japanese members, as witnesses. After Mother had done as requested, Father explained the significance of holding the ceremony in Canada. "I represent the true Adamic figure," he said. "Mother represents the true Eve, the four Japanese women are key representatives of the worldwide Eve nation, Japan. Since Canada is an extension of England, which was the original Eve nation, this ceremony is being held here."

He encouraged Mother and the four Japanese women to establish deep unity since this represented the beginning of a new era in Mother's public mission. Shortly thereafter, in September 1991, Mother began her public speaking tours.

During that June visit, Mother visited the Canadian Parliament buildings, where she expressed her desire to speak in Canada's Parliament. Dreams do come true, and on November 8, 1993, in the Railroad Committee Room of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, Mother addressed an overflow audience of over three hundred and fifty dignitaries, parliamentarians and guests from all over Canada. Mother's speech in Ottawa was part of a worldwide speaking tour to more than forty countries.

In Ottawa, Dr. Edward Schreyer, governor general of Canada (1979–1984) introduced Mother. In attendance were five members of parliament, fifteen ambassadors, a number of senatorial aides and several community leaders. To an attentive and polite audience, who read the text in either English or French as she spoke, Mother began her speech as follows:

"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for coming here today. As leading citizens of Canada, you possess the responsibility of guiding your nation into the next millennium. The promise of a peaceful and prosperous future depends directly upon the collective actions we take today."

The speech, which lasted over an hour, covered in outline form the entire Divine Principle and introduced

Father's life course. It further discussed the numerous social problems faced by people of the twentieth century and offered as a solution, the ideal of "true love." In her speech, Mother suggested that the root cause of all human misery was the destruction of humanity's loving relationship with God. Moreover, she explained that the historical foundation had been laid for the return of the Messiah in the twentieth century.

It was undoubtedly, for True Parents and all Unificationists, a historic announcement to the people of Canada. Only time would tell whether the Canadians that heard the proclamation recognized the historic nature of the moment.

In Father's first public speech in Canada, he spoke to an audience of a thousand people in Toronto on December 7, 1995. It was his sixtieth public speech and Canada his thirty-sixth country that year. Canada had not been on the original schedule, but because of complications in Europe, he decided to make Canada the tour's final stop. Canadian members had only two weeks to prepare.

The following provides a glimpse of Father's schedule during his stay at that time. True Parents arrived at Toronto's Pearson International Airport at 2:30 PM on December 7. After being driven to the hotel and having time to freshen up, Father met some church leaders, ate a quick dinner and then it was almost time to begin the program. Immediately after his speech, Father spent a little more than an hour teaching Mother's high school classmate and her husband, the Kims, who live in Canada.

After having spoken with the Kims about the Divine Principle, Father spoke to a gathering of the general membership until 2:30 AM about his favorite topics—true love, the love palace and the intimate relationship between man and woman in marriage. He was clearly enthusiastic about the subject.


Father hardly slept. Early the following morning, he spent the whole of breakfast teaching Mother's high school friend and her husband. He did so, almost without eating, until the time he departed for the airport. The husband of Mother's classmate was amazed at Father's vigor and

stamina in spite of his then seventy-five years of age and the grueling schedule he had endured during the world tour.

On that occasion, Father again spoke of Canada's role in extemporaneous remarks before reading his prepared speech. He said, "Canada is in a role to mediate between Europe and the United States." He further stated that his hope is for "Canada to help mediate the unification of Protestant North America and Catholic South America."

The final stop of Father's one-hundred-city world tour in 2005, inaugurating the Universal Peace Federation, was in Toronto on Friday, December 23, 2005. This was Father's tenth and last visit to Canada. True Parents arrived in the late morning on a flight from the Bahamas, where Father had spoken the previous evening. Since they would be returning to New York the same evening, all Unification Church members quickly gathered at the Westin Prince Hotel. During lunch, Father announced that he wanted to speak before dinner, not after dinner as had been originally been planned. This caused tremendous concern for the organizers and the hotel staff.

Mayors, members of parliament, woman leaders, academics and religious leaders were in an audience that consisted of people of every race and culture, as is typical of Toronto. Archbishop George Stallings introduced Father. He testified that the man coming before them was walking in the spirit of Jesus Christ with his mantle and anointing. He went on to testify that Father is the Second Coming of the Messiah and stated, "If you are looking for the fulfillment of scripture in the second coming you need not look for another. He is the one with the heart of Jesus. He is anointed, appointed and approved!"

Father then walked to the stage and spoke for over three and a half hours until 9:15 PM. He would have continued longer, but because of his scheduled flight to New York, he concluded early. Father's final visit and his 2005 one-hundred-city tour came to a graceful conclusion. 

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A Tribal Messiah Success Story

By Mrs. Kang Deok-lae

This article was adapted from the presentation Mrs. Kang gave at the FFWPU International Office's Vision 2020 Strategy Conference for Strategic and Providential Nations. It integrates information in her slide presentation notes into the translation of the Korean transcript of her videotaped presentation. Incorporated into the text are some background explanations for our non-Korean readers.



Mrs. Kang, her husband, her three children and their spouses at the Blessing Ceremony on Foundation Day, February 22, 2013

It is truly a great honor for me to be in front of many famous leaders from around the world. Other very competent leaders are in different nations working on different facets of the providence, but the mission I received, even before the time I received the blessing, was to take dominion over myself before I could take dominion over all created things. I want to tell you a brief story about this, in which True Father helped us to practice what all true families are supposed to do.

My husband is Lee Gye-hyung. At our Blessing Ceremony, Father told us, "Become a bridge to restore Cain." We succeeded in witnessing to and bringing into the church a hundred and twenty single people and fifty married couples. We also have two sons and a daughter. They have given us ten grandchildren.

People asked how we nurtured our spiritual children. We made an effort to give them true love, which is more stimulating than love in the satanic world. I raised my spiritual children

with love and attention. We ate, slept and talked together. I demonstrated what should be done, and I encouraged them to participate in important providential events. I raised them with sincere devotion, personally taking them to workshops. I raised them to become spiritual parents.

We would approach anyone to witness to them. "Life" is our main topic of conversation. I simply make connections with people. If I meet someone outside my home three times, I should invite him to my home, so he can meet my family and establish relationships.

This is a specific example of how we witnessed: We brought in a spiritual son, and then we brought in his friends. We then moved on to his younger siblings. Then we brought in his younger cousin. The older brother of the cousin is now the youth leader for Seoul's western district. We witnessed in this way.

Teaching all our children
Father, after proclaiming the tribal

messiah mission on July 1, 1993, told us that blessed families have to take on the tribal messiah mission and return to their hometowns. My husband was born and raised in the Mapo Borough of Seoul, so we began our tribal messiah mission in Mapo.

Our children called our home in Mapo the "Mapo House of Love." There, my family and our spiritual children ate together, shared the word together and enjoyed spending time together. We wanted all our children to live within True Parents' providence, so we decorated the outside of the house with paintings of Cheon Jeong Gung, church property in South America, Yeosu, near Blue Sea Garden; and Mt. Halla, which is a famous dormant volcano on Jeju Island. True Parents have climbed Mt. Halla together and Father included it in his Prayer to Return the Universe to Heaven in 2000.

We did this so that they would live surrounded by True Parents' providence. This is how we educated our children from when they were young. We created an environment for them in which they could harmonize and love one another as siblings. We tried to build an environment through which True Parents' hope could become our hope. Now, they are grown up, and their children are creating harmony within their family, including with their grandfathers and grandmothers. That was how we raised them.

We have Christmas parties every year and I try to celebrate every special day including graduations and birthdays. I believe that educating and supervising children is all about love and attention. Among our own children and the children of our spiri-

tual children, when a girl graduates from elementary school, I talk to her about various things, such as absolute sex. When girls begin menstruating, I teach them about what God has given them. When various second-generation spiritual children receive the blessing, their children will harmonize like siblings, and when female spiritual children become pregnant, they give each other baby showers and hold the 103rd-Day Ceremony, and generally care for one another. We made sure that we taught our spiritual children about these things from when they were very young, giving them a sense that they, too, need to receive the blessing. We create an environment that naturally leads them toward the blessing. When they receive the blessing, they cheer for one another.

A sense of family

Of course, we taught them to do hoondokhae. Even before Father had talked about it, we went to different families' houses and showed them the example of hoondokhae. We showed them what they would have to do in the future.

We helped our spiritual children learn how to proclaim the word themselves, and created an environment in which they could be comfortable. We went to places together such as Hyeon Chung Sa, a memorial to sixteenth-century Korean military hero, Admiral Lee Sun-shin. We provided many different ways for them to unite and harmonize as brothers and sisters. Thirty of us went to Gapsa, a

Buddhist temple that Father stayed at after his release from Seodaemun Prison in 1956. We visit Geomun Island, where our movement opened the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel in September 2011.

One of the things Father told us is that two blessed families each have to take responsibility for one North Korean family after Korea unifies. He compelled us to put this into practice. I have raised many different crops, such as rice and red berries. I did farming with our spiritual children. I offered the best of the harvest to True Father. I also gave some to other less fortunate neighbors, showing our spiritual children how to practice love. Farming is a means to prepare for when we will care for a North Korean family.

Whenever we visit Japan, we try to visit all our spiritual children's homes and do something special for our spiritual grandchildren. When our spiritual grandchildren living overseas visit Korea, they stay in our Mapo house, enjoy Korean culture and receive deep love in the homeland of their faith. Some are already starting to receive the blessing.

Spiritual and physical aspects

Every January 2, we meet all families among our spiritual children at the Paju Wonjeon burial ground. We pay our respects together to deceased True Family members and early church members every year. I teach our spiritual children how to attend True Parents' family. We each decide on objectives to reach that year, centered

on Heaven. We have been doing this for thirty years. The children of our earliest spiritual children have become adults and have their own children. The number that meets each year increases as time goes on.

When you look at Father's speech, "Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self," on page forty it mentions a Union of the Spiritual and Physical Worlds Association. This year, we went to Wonjeon with our spiritual children carrying a banner that read, Launching the Providence of the Cheon Il Guk Union of the Spiritual and Physical Worlds. By chance, we met Hoon-sook nim and Shin-wol nim. This launching was done with Heung-jin nim and his wife Hoon-sook nim. My spiritual children realized that the providence of the association for the spiritual world and physical world has now begun when they experienced this firsthand.

We hold workshops for our second-generation members from when they are very young. We stopped doing this at some point but we reinitiated it in 2013. Hyung-jin nim gave us a drawing that represents absolute sex, showing concave and convex. We had T-shirts made with this symbol for our second-generation elementary school, high school and university students to wear during their eight-day workshop.

During this workshop, we re-created facets of Father's life so that they could tangibly experience them, such as Myodu peak, where Father prayed as boy and where he met Jesus. We made a representation of Hungnam



Mrs. Kang and her husband Lee Gye-hyung and their tribe have kept a tradition of visiting Paju Wonjeon every January 2 for thirty years.

Special Labor Camp, where they all carried bags of “fertilizer” as Father did in prison there. We made a Busan Beomnetgol, so they could experience these things firsthand. Our three children, our direct descendants, did this together, receiving the education and having a time of harmonization. This system contains all sorts of things from Busan Beomnetgol, Yeosu, Cheongpyeong and Paju Wonjeon.

Milestones we need to create

This is most important. When True Parents asked blessed families to proclaim the four great milestones—True Parents’ Day, True Children’s Day, the Day of All True Things and True God’s Day—I reflected on how I could establish them. My family is now doing this. We proclaimed True Parents’ Day in a house we had built. Father told us to imitate Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, the main hall at the Cheongpyeong Training Center. We dedicated it in 1998. We proclaimed True Children’s Day by building the True Children’s Education Center, in imitation of the Sun Moon University Education Hall, which Father dedicated on April 4, 2002 at 10 AM. We dedicated ours on the same day at the same time. For our Day of All True Things milestone, we were told to go the United States, the eldest son nation, with our earliest spiritual child. On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11:11:11 AM, (a time of ten ones), we dedicated a building in the United States to establish our Day of All True Things. Our True God’s Day house was established on the same day, January 13, 2005, that Father dedicated the Korean FFWPU headquarters building.

Mutual gratitude

Our family is truly grateful to Father. My husband is grateful to me that I have lived well, and I am grateful to my husband as well. At the center of this heart of gratitude is a plaque of recognition we got from our Cain and Abel children that says, “Father! Mother! Thank you for living well.” On the day that Father concluded his tour for the Victorious Liberation of Homeland Restoration for Cosmic Peace Based on the Return of Heaven and Earth to God, and the day Mother finished a 180-nation tour, Father told



The residence dedicated on their True Children’s Day, in North Jeolla Province, Republic of Korea

my husband and I that I am the “Jesus Ajuma.” The term [“Ajuma” is short for “ajumoni,” meaning “aunt,” and is used for middle-aged women.] Because of this, we cannot stop working hard. During the year that Father was passing away, he reminded us that we have to fulfill our tribal messiah responsibility.

Questions—answers

Kim Ki-hoon: I’m so happy to hear a testimony of success from someone in my blessing group and from Korea. How did you initiate this work? Please pinpoint what motivated you.

Mrs. Kang: True love, true love. However, it was a battle against myself, to be honest. What pained my heart the most after listening to what Father said was that God lost Adam and Eve. He lost that lineage, and he suffered so much. Father was aware of this aspect of God’s heart, and after hearing Father speak about that suffering, I began to wonder, How am I going to relieve God of such suffering? What kind of life do I need to lead? I need to become the kind of person that Father wanted me to be by investing one hundred percent of my life and my love toward Father. The hardest part of that was the saying, You must take dominion over yourself before wishing to take dominion over the creation.

I even lost consciousness four times when I had a temperature higher than 40°Celsius (104° Fahrenheit). I had to endure that. I had to stop the continuation of the evil world that has taken

up residence within me. I was willing to risk my life for this. After a few near-death experiences, I realized that as it says at Luke 17:33, “Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it,” you will live if you are willing to risk your life.

I used to draw a circle on each day on the calendar. It meant that I had endured and survived that day. I did this for a year. I wanted to motivate myself and control my mind. I did not think about the future. My only concern was how I was going to gain victory each day in the battle against myself. I believed that the important thing for me was to return joy to Father in my everyday life. That was why I thought hard about how I was going to accomplish this task. If siblings fight, there cannot be any joy in them. Harmony is the most important thing. Heaven cannot work through me if I fail to achieve harmony within myself. The most important battle for me was the battle against myself. Thus, I lost consciousness four times. Even Father might have said, Wow, you are a tenacious one.

I do not think we need many things. Father taught us that we would automatically be close to him if we became the kind of people whom Father can truly love. When I wanted to convert someone to our movement, I brought that person to my house several times. We ate together in my house, and then I told him what is in the Divine Principle. I showed him what kind of life a blessed family must lead, how siblings in a blessed



At Yeosu's Blue Sea Garden during a pilgrimage for the second anniversary of True Father's seonghwa

family must unite as Cain and Abel were supposed to unite.

I was not thinking of many different things. I wanted to do things right, even though the number of what I did was small. I did not want to be filled with shame when I went to the spirit world. That was my only wish. I believed that it was enough for me to fulfill the mission of creating a model family.

After the eight-day workshop, I wanted to connect everything. My children are in high school and university, so I brought them to this event with their blessing in mind. I was thinking of how I was going to get them blessed and to create children, making one generation, which acts as the root, move out to branches and stems and eventually to fruit. I could rest assured when the realm of three generation was completed.

I believe Father gave us the mission to take responsibility for our children until we create that realm of three generations. When Father gave our family a special blessing, he told us, "You must become the bridge through which Cain can be restored." So there was that special aspect to it... I believe that is why Father gave us that special blessing, the mission—to accomplish the small things first, the things that blessed families are supposed to accomplish.

Michael Balcomb: I have a practical question. It is an amazing testimony. How do you pay for it? I see you go to holy grounds and Geomun Island. Do your spiritual children all contribute?

Mrs. Kang: One time we all came, about six hundred people, to the Cheongpadong Headquarters Church. As soon as he came onstage, Father asked me if I wanted to translate. Then he explained how the action of give and take must flow well, and that I should learn how to drive because women will have to drive cars to carry stuff when Korea unifies. Men will end up fighting because they are plus-types. Father said that women must go there with a warm mother's heart. I wondered what he meant by that because I did not have a good concept of money and what he has said about a mother's heart made me think of creating the environment. Aha! I realized that creating an environment, which Mother also emphasizes, is not related to money but to spiritual children....


We did not need any money to educate our children back in those times when they were young. We sent our children to universities, and they are now are all grown up. These children graduate university and find their careers in society. Let's say there are a hundred of them, and we need ₩5 million. How much would we have to receive from each child? If it's only ₩5 million, it's simple. If they pitch in ₩100,000 per person, that is already ₩10 million. It's that simple.

Also, if I needed money, the spirit world would work on these children, even if it meant appearing in their dreams, telling them that their mother needs money. This is Father's strategy. It is mysterious, and I believe that that's Heaven's automatic

work. Isn't that so?

So please have hope. Father is the living God. He grants all wishes. He even grants the wishes of people like me. Since he grants all wishes, the matter then is whether we are absolute toward Father; it is whether our faith and obedience is absolute or not. If it is anything less than absolute, we should go to a mountain and pray. For example, when we were in the Middle East, Father was working to bring three thousand people there, but we did not have money. Father back then gave two hundred computers to Yasser Arafat through Dr. Yang. Father had to host a peace march but national messiahs were worrying that there was not enough money to bring people. My spiritual child was standing next to me and Father was all the way over there. I said to my spiritual child, "Hey, don't you think it would work if each blessed couple brought two people? Father then immediately yelled "Hey!" And then he said that each blessed couple should bring two people. We all heard it, so there was no other choice. I told my spiritual son that we should do that. It cost around ₩2 million per person to get there. This spiritual child had a meeting with our spiritual children in Japan and Korea to tell them what was going on. He told them about this providential necessity and to please send some money. This is how the system works. Does that answer your question?

We can see this a lot in Father's teachings about the four great signposts. Father told us that we have to hold special events for Parents' Day, Children's Day, the Day of All Things, and God's Day. He said that we need to commemorate all these special days. This must be done within the family. We have to build such ideal families in the future.

Father, from time to time, appeared in our dreams and gave us missions. So we built our houses and made proclamations. Father told us that in a family that flourishes for the sake of the whole... A joyful person is joyful while representing the whole. Because of Father's teachings of this type, what we have to do in our own family is what we have to do while representing the entire realm of blessed families. Is that all right? 

Passing the Baton

The first group of youth missionaries have concluded their work in the field and a new group is about to discover what missionary life is like.

Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries have been enthusiastically carrying out activities in their mission countries in response to True Mother's desire that we testify about True Parents to people in all corners of the world. On September 12, in the fourth floor auditorium of the Korean headquarters building, church leaders and family members observed a completion of mission ceremony for the first batch of fifteen Cheon Il Guk missionaries and a ceremony to dispatch the same number in the second batch to their mission countries. Rev. Lee Yeong-gyun, director of the Youth and Student Department of the Korean headquarters, was the master of ceremonies.

Regarding the first batch of missionaries, Rev. Shin In-seon, director of the Witnessing and Education Department prayed, "This year has been unforgettable for our missionaries. Through this event, please enable them to reflect again on the purpose for which our True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind dispatched them, now that they have returned to their original place." About the second batch of missionaries, he prayed, "Please enable our second batch of missionaries to understand that they are going to their mission countries with you. Please bless them today so that they can all make a new start and leap through this time of mission work."

President Ryu spoke to the first batch missionaries after reading a message that True Mother gave on September 5 at Cheon Jeong Gung. He said, "One cannot grow or have great experiences in a happy, joyful, good environment. We need to realize how hard our Heavenly Parent and True Parents have been working for the salvation of humanity as they have led the providence." To the second batch, Rev. Ryu said, "During

your eighty-day educational course, you reflected and looked for your faith and there are those of you that could make new starts. The education you received was possible through the missionary experiences of those that went before you." He then emphasized the significance of holding both the completion of mission ceremony and dispatch ceremony together.

Reflections

In a reflection from the first batch of missionaries, Mr. Seo Gyeong-bong, whose mission country was Malaysia said, "Through my experiences there, the faith I had vaguely held as a second-generation member become clearer and solid. This, I believe, was the greatest result from this mission period." He also said, "As we worked together with the local members, there were many times when I was greatly moved.

As I experienced the members' purity and the familial love they shared among themselves, I felt that Malaysia, as an ally of Cheon Il Guk, will be able to greatly develop. In the end, I am confident that a day will come when Malaysia will be completely saved and dedicated to our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents

of Heaven, Earth and Humankind."

Ms. Shin Ah-young also spoke, representing all the second-batch missionaries. She first spoke of her motivation in becoming a youth missionary. She said, "I volunteered for this in order to better understand our Heavenly Parent and True Parents and to find my identity as a second-generation member. Thinking that 2014 was an important time, I wanted to be of help to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, no matter how small." She also said, "One great point I felt during our eighty-day educational period was that I am a child of our Heavenly Parent. I realized that our Heavenly Parent was always within me and that he wanted me to realize this fact. I realized that it was his love that guided me all the way here."

Members in the church headquarters in Korea, our Heavenly Parent's homeland and the fatherland of our faith, have been recruiting Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries to spread Heaven's tradition and culture and to testify about True Parents around the world. The first batch began their mission last year. They chose the second batch and taught them from June this year. They plan to start recruiting missionaries for the third batch this December. ☞



A variety of staff members and leaders including Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk (center) with the missionaries

Blessed Wives Who Won the Hearts of Korean People



In 2012, Korean President Lee presenting citations; Mrs. Asano is in white.

As part of the commemorative events for the second anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation and the International Families Council published *Until that Day of Victory*, a collection showing awards presented to foreign wives blessed to Koreans. This collection covers the bases on which these blessed family members came to receive the awards. The awards range from Presidential Citations to Devoted Daughter-In-Law Awards, Fecundity Awards and other awards from governmental institutions and local governments. The awardees in this collection include forty-three blessed wives from Japan, two Filipino blessed wives, one Thai blessed wife and two Mongolian blessed wives.

The awardees initially came to Korea because their husbands are Korean. With the loving heart of serving others, they practiced values that Koreans respect as part of their own tradition, mainly filial piety and fidelity.

In embodying those values, these women negated prejudices and stereotypes Korea had had regarding marriage to non-Koreans and created the basis for development of a multicultural society. Through their exemplary lives, they also gained a number of awards and were covered by the media. In this article, we have covered two awardees in the book, Mrs. Asana Tomiko, a Japanese blessed wife that received a presidential citation in 2012 and Ms. Enkhjargal Sanjid, a Mongolian blessed wife that received an award from the Minister of Justice in 2011.

Ms. Asano Tomiko

Buan Family Church,
North Jeolla Province

Received a presidential citation

I came to receive this presidential citation through a recommendation, done without my knowledge, by the head of my township. They assessed the

dedication and work I had invested in taking care of my mother-in-law, who was suffering from poor health, and my husband and as well my service to the local community. Based on this assessment, I received an invitation to join the "Luncheon Meeting for Hidden Actions of Filial Piety Carried out Nationwide and Admirable Parents" at the Blue House on Parents' Day, May 8, 2012.

A hundred and sixty-eight people received awards that day; among them, seven people received the Medal of Merit Presidential Prize and another seven received the Presidential Award. The fourteen awardees received an award certificate and medal from the president himself, who shook hands with each awardee and took commemorative photographs. More than thirteen local newspapers in North Jeolla Province including Joongang Ilbo covered an interview of me in their papers. My interview appeared in many internet articles and I appeared on television on KBS1, KBS2 and MBN.



Mrs. Asano sharing her joy with members of her church

Introducing myself

I was born in Osaka, Japan, on July 10, 1963. I studied nursing at the Vocational School of Disaster Insurance for Workers. After graduating, I worked as a nurse for three years in a surgical ward. I joined the Unification Church in 1991 and was blessed in the 360,000-Couple Blessing Ceremony with my husband, Kim Yeong-cheon in 1995.

My life in Korea

Our family comprises my mother-in-law, who is eighty-five years old, my husband and our three children. My oldest daughter is in her second year of high school, my second daughter is in her second year of middle school and my son, the youngest, is in sixth grade of elementary school. We live off farming. My mother-in-law suffered from right hemiplegia because of a cerebral infarction. Fortunately, she has become much better by receiving treatment and rehabilitation training for a long time. Now she can go to the bathroom by herself with the use of a cane. My husband caught Japanese encephalitis when he was in middle school; this had affected his speech and cognitive ability to some degree.

Seven years ago, my husband had an injury at a construction site that caused a fissure in his neck bone. He had to have an operation. Fortunately, he was not paralyzed, but he had to quit his job because of constant pain

in his arms that plagued him afterward. Now, he is doing farm work with my mother-in-law. While taking care of the household, I could pass the fifth level of the Korean Language Proficiency Test and also passed the national nursing examination. I have also been offering my services, going around the village halls in Buan and providing moxibustion treatment.

A letter expressing gratitude to True Parents

My life of faith started after I understood True Parents' course while I was in Japan. I believe that in my life, through blessed life, I have been training in how to live for a greater existence by searching for Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' hearts, instead of living centered on myself. Despite my inadequacy, I received an important award, given to those whose acts of filial piety are praiseworthy, from the president himself. I believe that this is a blessing from Heaven in response to my constant desire and effort to do Heaven's work even if it meant sacrificing my family. I repent for my inadequate life of faith and will work harder to become a member that obtains more actual results as an owner of Cheon Il Guk. As a blessed family, it is indeed an honor and joy to be able to make True Parents happy, for they have guided us to the way of God's will and given us life. I sincerely convey my gratitude.

Ms. Enkhjargal Sanjid

Anseong Church, South Gyeonggi Province, chairwoman of Mongolians in the International Family Council

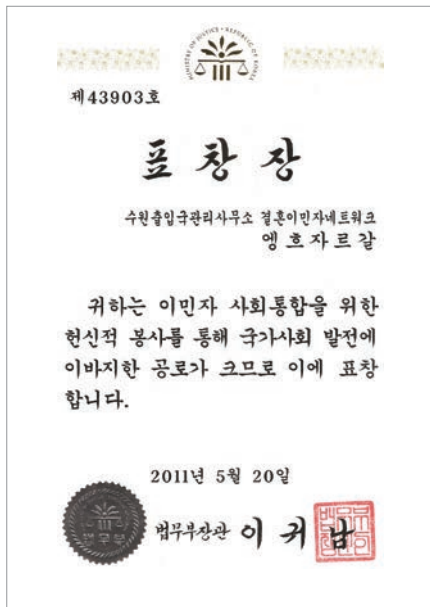


Mrs. Sanjid and the governor



Received an achievement award

From 2007 to 2013, I received several awards from national institutions and social groups. In 2011, acknowledged for the activities and work I carried out when managing the general affairs of the Gyeonggi Married Immigrants Network in helping



Mrs. Sanjid and her family

multi-cultural families settle well in Gyeonggi Province, I was presented with an award certificate from the Minister of Law and from the Immigration Office in Suwon on Together Day. In 2010, I received the Happy Family Award during the second Multi-Cultural Family Award Ceremony for the volunteering work I carried out within local communities of Gyeonggi Province. In 2009, at the twenty-fourth Gyeonggi Women's Handicraft Contest, I made it to the finals and received an excellence award in the immigrant woman's essay contest section. In that same year, I also received a letter of appreciation from the Anseong police superintendent for the dedication I invested toward the betterment of police tasks, particularly for my contribution as a civilian interpreter.

Introducing myself

I was born on July 21, 1977, in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. I was the second daughter out of seven siblings. After graduating elementary school, middle school and high school in Mongolia, I graduated in Media Studies from the National University of Mongolia. I joined the Unification Church in 1999 and around a year later, on January 27, 2001, I was blessed to my husband in the Second Phase of the 400-Million-Couple Blessing Ceremony.

My life in Korea

My husband is forty-seven and is an

office worker. We have a son, who is in fifth grade and a daughter, who is in sixth grade. After going to church every Sunday, we will visit my mother-in-law, who is living alone in the province, and help her with farm work and household chores. Of course, we also faced many difficulties as a couple because of the different environment we grew up in and the differences in our thought processes.

My husband was not a religious person at all and this would make life in Korea itself difficult and lonesome at times. It has been fourteen years since I came to Korea and despite the difficulties, it is a joy to see my children grow up every day and I am happily living with my family.

Letter of gratitude to True Parents

Heavenly Parent, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, I love you. True Mother, you look beautiful indeed, when we see you always sacrificing for us and shedding blood, sweat and tears; I feel sorry and thankful at the same time. Thanks to True Parents, my life in Korea has been truly meaningful despite my inadequacies. My name is Enkhajargal. "Enkh" means "peace" and "jargal" means "happiness." How great would it have been if my life had unfolded according to the meaning of my name?

When I first received the blessing, I was greatly determined to build an

ideal family and an ideal kingdom of heaven. However, reality was not easy. Even now, pain and bitterness still reside in one corner of my heart that I have not been able to reveal to anyone. However, I could endure everything until now because God was with me and because I am aware of the spiritual world.

From 2007, I started volunteering to work in a cafeteria at a senior citizens' welfare center in the city of Anseong. Coming from abroad, volunteering was my first step into Korean society. In 2009, I began working with the South Gyeonggi Married Immigrants Network. Though inadequate myself, I will continue to do many good things for both Koreans and non-Koreans.

I hope also to increase my confidence. I am now in charge of Mongolians within the International Family Council. Since the period until 2020 is important, I am determined to do my best, regardless of the many difficulties that may occur, internally and externally, by complementing my inadequacies and becoming a lamp to my neighbors—just as True Parents are lamps of hope to fallen humanity—by enthusiastically carrying out my work and activities.

I will become a child that realizes Heaven's will in my lifetime at all costs. I will become number one in my life in Korea, in my life of faith and in my Cheon Il Guk life and so will my family. ☺

National News: the Unification Church Is a Cool Religion

By Julius Malicdem

Rev. Moon's Unification Church, "A Cool Religion" is the title of the cover story in *BizNews Asia*, the largest weekly business and news magazine in the Philippines. *BizNews Asia* prints thirty-five thousand copies and is confident that its readership is many times that number. The largest bookstore chain in the Philippines carries it. The magazine has the reputation of being an influential publication. Some significant writers, such as Fidel Ramos (president of the Philippines (1992–1998) and Francisco Tatad (a retired three-term senator) contribute to this magazine.

The proposal for our movement to be covered in a magazine came unexpectedly but just at the right time. After the celebration of the first anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, True Mother mentioned that we have to start preparing for the second anniversary, to help all people become aware of True Parents and to testify about the quality of our beloved True Father's life. Just as True Mother said

Reverend Moon a True Father

From WIKIPEDIA



Sun Myung Moon (Korean: born Mun Yong-myeong; Feb. 25, 1920 – Sept. 3, 2012) was a Korean religious leader, business magnate and media mogul.

A self-proclaimed messiah, Moon was the founder of the Unification Church and of its widely noted "Blessing" or mass wedding ceremony.

Moon's extensive business interests included News World Communications, an international news media corporation which founded The Washington Times and owns other media in several countries, and Tongil Group, a South Korean business group (chaebol) active in manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, tourism, and publishing.

Born in what is now North Korea, Moon and his family converted to Christianity when he was a child.

In 1954, he founded the Unification Church in Seoul, South Korea based on conservative, family-oriented teachings from new interpretations of the Bible. Moon outlined these principles in his book, "Explanation of the Divine Principle."

In the 1960s and 1970s, Moon was a leading figure in a wave of new religious movements that raised controversy on several issues. Followers, who were then sometimes called "Moonies", considered Moon their True Father while critics labeled him a cult leader.

This page and following: The cover and excerpts from the tribute edition

at the closing banquet of the Vision 2002 Strategy Conference for Strategic and Providential Nations in August 2013, "Heaven does not rest and continues to work... somebody, somewhere is already prepared!"

Fortunately, one of those prepared people, Mr. Tony Lopez, chairman of *BizNews Asia*, came along at the right moment. He also anchors a weekly one-hour television program, that airs in primetime (7:00–8:00 PM) on a government channel. UPF leaders—Mr. Jose De Venecia, speaker of our House of Representatives (1992–1998, 2001–2008); Archbishop Elias Soria, president of the Asian Clergy Leadership Conference; and I represented UPF as guests on his July 21 program.

Our first contact

General Roberto Santiago, a retired military man, introduced Mr. Lopez to our movement. Our first meeting with Mr. Lopez took place at the Philippines Peace Embassy in February. He met Dr. Yong Chung-sik, our regional president. Afterward, Mr.



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Lopez listened to a briefing regarding the movement. He immediately asked, "How can I be of help?" Furthermore, he said, "We need to work together. I have the business and the news, and Dr. Yong, you have Asia!"

The idea of printing a tribute issue about True Father arose when we saw an issue of the *BizNews Asia* featuring Nelson Mandela. Mr. Lopez suggested we feature True Father and our movement's activities. Immediately, we agreed to have it published in time for the second anniversary of True Father's seonghwa. Mr. Lopez showed great interest in our movement and in True Father's life, despite the fact that as a seasoned journalist, he is aware of all the accusations hurled against our movement. As a true journalist, he wanted to feature True Father's success, not only as the founder of a great religion but also as a great leader with a global perspective. When we conveyed this suggestion to President Yong, he fully supported the idea. Our motivation for cooperating in the publishing of this tribute was to make it an offering for the second anniversary of Father's seonghwa.

The development process

We had a series of meetings with Mr. Lopez in which he frequently asked pertinent questions about the background of our movement both internationally and locally as well as about current activities that we are carrying out. We provided him with a number of reference materials, books, pictures and videos about our movement and

about True Parents' lives, such as *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*.

We held a Divine Principle seminar for ambassadors for peace in Bangkok, Thailand, in July 2014. We invited him. He had the opportunity to listen to some lectures and to interview several people, including Dr. Robert Kittel, director of Peace Education for UPF-Asia; Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, secretary-general of UPF Thailand; Ek-nath Dhakal, a member of Nepal's Constituent Assembly (Parliament); and Mrs. Ursula Mclackland, secretary-general of UPF-Asia.


BizNews Asia's tribute to True Father hit magazine stands on August 11 and stayed there for three weeks. The issue featured the Unification Church and True Parents in twenty-eight pages, excluding the cover page. Only sixteen pages of the magazine covered subjects not related to True Parents, and the rest had advertisements.

On the cover alongside True Father's picture are the words, "Cool Religion," a very appealing phrase that attracts readers' attention. The Philippines is a conservative, largely Catholic nation. The constitutionality of providing means of contraception at public health centers and making sex education compulsory in schools was an issue that recently had to go all the way to our Supreme Court. With target-readers of that type, describing our church teachings (in part) as "no premarital sex, marriage and fidelity" on the front cover was bound to entice many people to want

to read the articles inside the magazine.

The first article, "Reverend Moon's Unification Church: A Cool Religion," includes our movement in the hallyu, "Korean wave" phenomenon, along with Gangnam Style dancing, K-pop songs and all the technological gadgetry coming out of Korea. In a country where nearly 54 percent of the population is twenty-four years old or younger, it is certainly better for us to be understood as cool and associated with Gangnam style than to be seen as a stuffy, old religion.

BizNews Asia also highlighted our local activities, naming our various organizations in a graphic that shows four months' of activities we held throughout the Philippines. Another graphic, a map of the Philippines readily shows that we are active throughout the nation. Our good intentions for the country are clearly spelled out in a title that goes across the top of two pages: "In the Philippines, the goal is for the blessing to become a national movement of salvation."

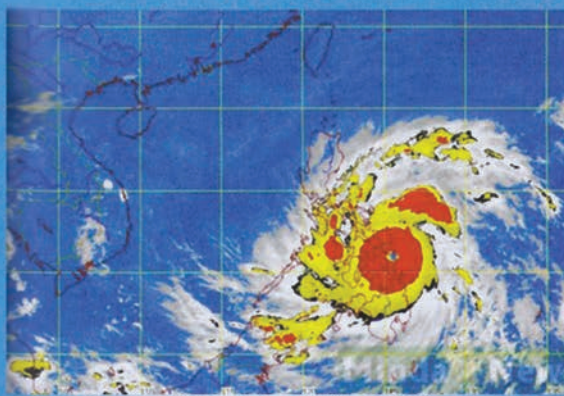
The information on our church is so comprehensive and presented in such a favorable manner that not only is it likely to make a good impression on those that bought the August 18–25 issue of *BizNews Asia* but it could also be used as a witnessing approach book by our members for years to come. 

Rev. Malicdem is the FFWPU national leader in the Philippines.

Blessing to become a national movement of salvation



Haiyan (Yolanda) made a landfall



Super Typhoon Yolanda's satellite digital image as it made landfall in eastern Visayas (Nov. 8, 2013)



Family Members Rally in a Time of Need

By Ye-jeung G. Coleman



These are some of our church members in Liberia, a nation of 4 million in Western Africa, which is under threat of Ebola.

I am a second-generation member living in Liberia and this is my account of the Ebola virus situation in Liberia along with my thoughts and experiences of the Liberian Unification Church members.

We have had two phases of the Ebola virus outbreak. When the first occurred in March, I had never come across the name “Ebola” before. The virus was described as deadly. The first known case occurred in DR Congo in 1976; the virus is named after the Ebola River there. It spread to Liberia from a recent outbreak in Guinea, which then had about seventy cases. Someone that had contracted the disease in Guinea crossed the border and died in Liberia. Here, we had six confirmed cases and five deaths. These cases were in the rural area, and it looked as if the government had quarantined most of the

contact cases and had the virus under control.

As I am sure many people did, I started studying the virus, its history, the disease it causes, means of transmission and prevention methods. No cure, nor hope for a cure, was then known and the disease kills up to 90 percent of people infected. Moreover, it is easily transmitted; just shaking hands or hugging an infected person can serve as a source of self-infection.

Thus, awareness messages aimed at putting a halt to the habitual practices of our people, such as shaking hands, and eating bush meat (the meat of wild animals) and to stop the normal traditional or religious burial of deceased family members. All of these measures were advised because of a disease that in its initial stage has symptoms no different from others we have experienced, such as fever and diarrhea. No wonder some peo-

ple refused to believe it was true. Thankfully, the situation did not worsen much. The cumulative number of cases by April, confirmed, probable and suspected, was thirteen with eleven deaths.

We were going about our normal activities, going to school, church, work and even social outings, but we were a little more cautious about whom we came into direct physical contact with. Some people started using hand sanitizers, but had to use them every ten minutes or so, because it is hard coming across a friend in the street and not extending a hand to shake. Old habits die hard.

Traveling to a vital workshop

Finally, the Ebola outbreak subsided with no new cases as of April 9. Liberia’s health situation returned to normal gradually, but the situation in Guinea was still ongoing and the ru-

mors about the virus outbreak here were outrageous. Some believed it was a scheme by the government to get money from the international community so government officials could make themselves rich. A rumor arose that doctors were killing people and selling their organs for money. The literacy rate in Liberia is low. Uneducated belief in such rumors is one reason the virus will continue to kill. If you are not astute enough to believe a disease is real, how likely you to avoid getting it?

By June, we were preparing to leave for Benin to await the arrival of Dae-mo nim, when we heard of a second outbreak in Liberia. Forty-two days had passed with no new cases. The disease has a twenty-one day incubation period (the time from infection until signs and symptoms appear, though it may persist in semen and vaginal fluid for much longer). Forty-two days makes it almost certain that the new outbreak was a completely separate occurrence from the first.

The virus had spread to Sierra Leone. A man who had gone there to bury his mother contracted the virus and came back home. The nurse treating him did not know what disease he had. She fell ill. It infected the doctor treating her, too, before they realized it was Ebola. I am a medical student and I am usually in and around the hospital for classes. If the usually cautious doctors and nurses, who each treats more than fifty patients a day, are getting the infection, the likelihood of the disease spreading in local communities and clinics is high.

The number of people with Ebola at this point was rising rapidly. Côte d'Ivoire had started regulating who and what crosses its national frontier. Members were now worried that it was not safe to travel by road and that the border might close by the time of the Cheongpyeong workshop. It was difficult, especially at the Côte d'Ivoire border. Some members were sent back because they were Liberians and Liberia had Ebola cases.

The program in Benin was amazing, very spiritual. Meeting second-generation members from other countries was great. Not long after our return, sometime in July, two Americans contracted the virus. They were taken to America for treatment with

an experimental drug; both were cured. In Liberia, the situation was not improving. The church then decided that we should all do a condition for the country. We prayed for seven minutes each midnight for twenty-one days, plus doing hoondokhae.

The situation worsens

President Sirleaf declared a state of emergency in the country. She closed all schools for a month effective August 1 and imposed a 9:00 PM curfew. The entire country is under siege by Ebola. Almost all borders are closed, communities are under quarantine, flights in and out of the country have shut down and schools have yet to reopen.

A shortage of food and medicine is developing. Prices are increasing. Public transportation is at risk of discontinuing. Just last week, with a passenger in his taxi, the driver started vomiting blood in the car and on the sidewalk. Nowhere is safe anymore.

As of September 11, we still have only nine Ebola-equipped ambulances in the entire country. Liberia had a fragile health system to begin with, with one doctor per 100,000 citizens in a population of 4.4 million. Only one doctor had specialized in internal medicine, but he and three other doctors (along with seventy

health workers) have all died of Ebola. In total, 152 health workers have fallen ill. The remaining health workers are scared, especially with our insufficient infrastructure and inadequate protective medical gear.

Presently, we have over two thousand cases and more than a thousand five hundred deaths and the number is increasing. So far, all of our members are alive and well. To my knowledge, the communities that our members live in are still free from Ebola but the majority of us live in the capital and this is one of the hotspots.

I am working through two organizations, Girl Up-Liberia and the U-foundation to help raise awareness in communities and to help those families that must remain indoors because of exposure through a family member's death. You would be saddened to see the number of children that are dying or becoming orphans because their parents have died from Ebola.

Since August, the church leaders have been in contact with the international leadership and have been giving them updates. We are so happy that our True Mother is concerned about us. I am sure we are in many members' prayers, and that matters. We pray that the virus can at least be contained in the six countries it has already reached.



Gathering goods to send to Liberia



Loading the goods

Donations begin coming

By mid-August, FFWPU-Liberia received a donation from a missionary in Japan and used that money to buy rice, which was disturbed among members. Later, a package came from the headquarters in Korea that included more rice and some canned food. Last Sunday we again received money; more is forthcoming along with some drugs that may be useful.

We are so grateful for these contributions and understand that it is difficult to send food here because the land border is mainly closed and air transport is limited. The situation of most of the family members here is not favorable in the best of times and its worse now that the country is in a state of disaster. The worst is yet to come. It is going to be similar to the time of war. It is similar. There is a shortage of food and medication, and hundreds of people are dying.

❖ Kathy Rigney writes to Belgium

The situation in Liberia is becoming increasingly difficult, because there is almost no food since the borders were closed. Also, since food is difficult to find, many people are breaking into homes and stealing from others. Even one of our sisters had her home broken into. Everything is scarce and many people have little to eat.

We have about thirty blessed families. The entire country is in a state of emergency. So people cannot go out at night, the borders are closed and there is no way to go to the hospital; in fact, the hospital is a dangerous place. People are

dying everywhere, especially children and their bodies are put in the street during the night.

Right now, Brussels airlines in Brussels, Belgium is still operating. We do not know how long it will take before the Ebola emergency is brought under control. Until then, we feel that we have to help these thirty families. Please help our brothers and sisters, they need our urgent help."

❖ Philippe Jacques writes from Belgium

We felt deeply concerned about the situation of the blessed families there. Brussels Airlines is the only airline still flying to Liberia. With the help of all the brothers and sisters from the Belgium community, we could collect enough money to prepare a pallet of food and first necessities and we sent it immediately. Later, we were happy to receive this mail from our sister Pamela saying they had received it. She wrote, "On behalf of all the members, we say a big thank you for your love and support for us in these difficult times...."

Now, we are preparing a second pallet but as the price of the transportation increased recently, we have to collect money through European countries.

❖ A report from Sierra Leone

Sylvester Moriba the national leader of Sierra Leone, reported:

An outbreak of Ebola has been ongoing in Sierra Leone since May 2014. Eleven of our twelve districts have been affected. The public health infrastructure is being severely strained as the outbreak grows.



Some of the blessed children of Liberia

Sierra Leone's government has recently instituted enhanced measure to combat the spread of Ebola, many of which will likely make travel to, from, and within the country difficult.

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation in Sierra Leone and the World Health Organization reported a cumulative total of 1,026 suspected and confirmed cases, including 935 laboratory confirmed cases, and 422 deaths.

Containing the Ebola virus involves facing serious challenges. Most of the assistance coming from abroad... [does not reach] those suffering from the disease and those that are risking their lives in the fight against the disease.

After visiting Sierra Leone, the director for Center for Diseases Control and Prevention, Dr. Tom Frieden, described the sudden increase in Ebola positives in our country as "worrisome and terrible" and predicted it will cause a devastating health and economic crises.

❖ From Maduka Sartie

Sierra Leone also received US\$1,000 dollars from the West African regional headquarters. They have bought rice to share with all the members.

❖ Philippe and Yoko Jacques

Today a new pallet is on the way for Liberia. This time we received financial help from many brothers and sisters from Europe and even from a Belgian sister living in Korea.

Kind regards, Philippe and Yoko

Ms. Coleman's most recent message

The situations here is still going downhill. Apart from worrying about the Ebola spread itself, food is becoming scarce. Schools and most hospitals and clinics are still closed. Shops are closing. We have received another \$5,000 as a contribution from the international community, \$1,000 from our regional president, \$2,000 from our missionary Mrs. Hasagawa Ayumi and \$2,000 from Rev. Tokuno. The leaders here went to buy rice, oil, and some spices but they were having a hard time finding these supplies.

The World Health Organization and other international bodies have already projected that the number of deaths in Liberia alone will reach many thousand in three weeks. I hope that it will be contained before then. May Heavenly Parent help us all. 🙏

The Austrian Church Celebrates Forty-Nine Years



Austrian members celebrates the forty-ninth anniversary.

“Every creation becomes the perfect embodiment of the number seven, which is the sum of the number of Heaven and the number of earth. This is the reason the Bible recounts the creation of heaven and earth as having taken seven days,” So says, *Exposition of Divine Principle*. This deep desire to become the perfect embodiment and representative of heaven and earth may also explain why our members in Austria looked at the forty-ninth anniversary of the movement in their nation as 7 x 7 years for world peace.

Paul Werner, a thoroughly dedicated Christian that had met the church in the U.S. state of California, pioneered the Austrian church a year after he and his wife Christel returned to Europe. In fact, upon their return to Europe, one of the first things the Werners did was to travel to seven prominent European cities including Vienna in Austria to deposit a Divine Principle book in the main cathedral there. Like the seven trumpets, held by seven priests who marched around Jericho seven times, the Divine Principle was blaring out the good news about the second coming of the Lord.

Youth to the forefront

The celebration of the anniversary and of the harvest that has occurred in the years since that lone pioneer placed himself in Heaven’s hands took place over three days, August 29–31. Austrian members had recently

expressed their strong desire to see one another, for the national flock to convene in one location. Their national board responded with anniversary festivities in Vienna that attracted three hundred members.

The young people ruled the first day. Though they displayed their prowess at competitive sports, their intention in coming together was not all fun and games. They also held a Youth Symposium on the Future of the Austrian Unification Movement. The topic was of great enough importance to draw eighty young people. These young people want to take personal responsibility for the future of an organization they care about and that their parents’ generation felt was essential to nation’s spiritual wellbeing.

In fact, the church in Austria has not grown unimpeded since the early days. In 1974, the Austrian government declared our Austrian church illegal. The members continued to witness on a personal basis, but the church operated under the stigma of not having government approval. Being a Unificationist in Austria requires the level of personal commitment that these young people displayed.

Toward a greater future

The main event took place in a trade union hall in Vienna and attracted three hundred people. Mr. Peter Zöhrer, national leader of the Austria movement spoke first. Mr. Zöhrer went through an experience with True

Parents in 1995 that he is likely never to forget. As national leader of Hungary, he and his wife were among a small group of people that were with True Parents soon after they learned of the Schengen ban. This galvanized Mr. Zöhrer. He had had an interest in religious freedom before this incident but from then on his focus and determination drove him forward relentlessly until—based on the conditions made by European members and members worldwide and on the foundation of True Parents’ true innocence—the ban was finally lifted.

On that day, speaking in the trade union hall in Vienna to an audience of Unificationists and compassionate guests, he told them that a few days earlier he had been able submit an application for the Austrian Unification Church to be officially recognized by the government as a “confessional community.” If it does transpire that the status of a confessional community is accepted, it will definitely be a step forward. As their report submitted to ipeacstv explains, since the government dissolved HSAUWC in Austria in 1974, members of the movement “have had to operate ‘underground.’”

Rev. An Young-shik, Europe’s regional president attended the anniversary at the invitation of the Austrian members. He spoke to Korea’s long-standing wish for reunification. He emphasized that this desire for peace in Korea was not peace for the nation’s sake alone but would lead to peace globally. Mr. Peter Haider, president of UPF-Austria, spoke about UPF’s local efforts in recent years and several ambassadors for peace congratulated the Austrian movement on tenaciously moving forward toward its half-century mark and beyond. 

A TP magazine staff member prepared this article based largely on the Austrian movement’s submitted report.

Victory of Devotional Conditions and Love

Ms. Kim Hyo-mi

This report covers recent outreach efforts by Brazil CARP members and includes a representative testimony.

Last August, thirty-seven full-time CARP members operated witnessing centers in four cities, namely Brumado, Pouso Alegre, Goiânia, and Palhoça, resulting in twenty-three new people joining the movement. In the beginning, ten members worked in Brumado for two and a half weeks, August 10–28. Here, thirty people visited the center, out of which four joined the movement. Seven members operated a center for fifteen days in Goiânia, August 8–23. During this time, twenty-five people visited the witnessing center, and six of them joined. Ten members that operated in Pouso Alegre for about a month, July 24–August 23, saw the fruits of their efforts in twenty members visiting the witnessing center and seven joining. Also, ten members worked for sixteen days, August 8–24, in Palhoça, where their witnessing center was visited by twenty people, six of whom joined the movement.

We laid a foundation for these Brazil CARP volunteers' witnessing activities through our having twice focused for forty days each on raising the funds necessary for the work. These volunteers honed their skills during these forty-day periods, during which they also did one to two hours of hoondokhae every day. Moreover, they began their witnessing activities with the idea that devotional activity is essential to their being successful. With such a determination, they prayed extensively every day, morning and night, fasted every Friday, and offered Heaven a prayer vigil for two hours every Saturday. Later, the morning prayer extended to two to three hours. All members testified that because they offered Heaven such devotional conditions, their vic-



A CARP member giving a lecture

tories were possible.

Each witnessing center was composed of a team leader, a counselor, a lecturer and a guide. The members went out to the streets, introduced themselves, said they were with a youth group called CARP and spoke about CARP's activities. They asked, "Would you be interested to hear what I have to say for five minutes?" If the person agreed to listen, the member brought him or her to the witnessing center. On the way, the member would ask the person basic information such as, his or her name and home neighborhood. In this way, they created a comfortable atmosphere. When the person arrived at the witnessing center, the counselor welcomed the guest warmly. The counselor conversed with the person, asking how much time he or she could spare for a lecture, all the while gauging to what depth the lecture should go, or what kind of personal situation the person might have.

The counselor shared this information about the person with the team

leader and the lecturer before inviting the person to a small lecture room where the lecturer would give a short talk on the Divine Principle. The one who brought the person to the witnessing center would normally give the Divine Principle lecture, but when circumstance dictated, the lecturer gave the lecture.

We divided the entire Divine Principle into its sections. It took forty to sixty minutes to lecture about each section. After each lecture, the counselor would talk to the person about the lecture. Here, the counselor would try to discover any hardships this person might have in life, and try to find a solution for the problem. This was to let the person feel comfort in his or her heart. The counselor then tried to make a reservation for a future lecture before the person left for home.

The CARP volunteers believed that in order for their witnessing activities to succeed, the relationship between them and any person they are witnessing to must be stronger than the emotional attachment Satan has for that person. Therefore, they thought of their witnessing centers as love-filled incubators and tried to give love and attention to the guest just as parents would give the same type of love to their newborn babies. In their effort to give love and attention, the members contacted any potential spiritual children that visited the witnessing center during the week. If there were a potential candidate that responded well to the lectures, or anyone who revisited the center, the members, aside from their usual PowerPoint lectures, also gave them one-on-one Divine Principle lectures with the Divine Principle book. They were able to achieve such victories due to this love and devotion.



[Testimony]

Elements that Can Bring Down Barriers in Witnessing

I experienced many interesting incidents during my time in CARP. Here, I raised my faith. This is the place where I experienced for the first time that God is truly with me. Here, I also began to understand, with all my heart, the importance of God and True Parents. In CARP, we offer Heaven our sincere devotion every day by studying True Parents' teachings and conducting activities. Every activity that we do is for us to perfect our love. Such activities help our witnessing efforts greatly.

This year, there were two forty-day witnessing activities. The first one was arduous. Bringing people to our witnessing centers was hard. We offered spiritual conditions to Heaven in forms of prayers and training in how to give lectures. We prayed for forty minutes every morning and fasted for the whole day every Friday. During our first forty-day witnessing activity, we failed to gain even one spiritual child. However, we committed ourselves during this time to listening to the stories of the people that other members had invited, counseling them or giving lectures.


After Hoon-mo nim's workshop in São Paulo ended, we began our second forty-day witnessing activity. In the first week, we stayed at the Pouso Alegre center in the state of Minas Gerais. Our activities there helped us greatly in gaining precious experiences as lecturers. We offered devotions every day through forty-minute nighttime prayers and prayer sessions in the morning, in which each member took a turn in leading part of our three-hour prayer. After two weeks, we received the direction to open a witnessing center in Palhoça in Santa Catarina. This is a city close to my hometown, but I vowed not to call my home, thinking of that self-abnegation as another form of de-

votion. I still felt that I was not offering Heaven enough religious zeal so I fasted for three days.

During the last week, I guided a fifty-one-year old man to our witnessing center. At first, I did not enjoy giving the lecture to him. He reeked of alcohol. He talked a lot and every time he did, his breath escaped his mouth with a nasty stench. However, I endured and listened to what he had to say with perseverance. Still, bad thoughts kept popping up in my head, and I began to think that the people whom other members had brought in were much better people than the one I brought. I prayed to God with apologies that I was not able to bring a better person. At that moment, I heard in my heart the voice of my conscience, saying, "You are suffering in order to love this one person! This person has lived in suffering all his life so that he could meet you. I am not suffering for only one person. I am suffering for all humanity."

Gilberto, the man I had brought in, was suffering for many reasons. He had great pain in his heart, and he needed someone to listen to his stories. I felt that that was my mission. He listened to lectures about the Divine Principle and True Parents' life courses. He also watched

the video of True Fathers' Universal Seonghwa Ceremony. He accepted that True Parents are the messiah. He said that he wanted to study this so that he could spread this message to others. Shortly after he joined the movement, he told me, "I know that it was difficult for you to endure me. I am pitiful. You will have to try hard to meet someone more pitiful than I, which is why you will have no problems in the future. When I reach the gate of Heaven, I will tell God that you are the one who saved me, that you are the one that gave me hope. I will tell him that you are my spiritual Father."

The biggest barrier I had to overcome during my witnessing activity was the limitation of my love and the voice in my mind telling me that I wanted to give up, which sprang up more than one time. I love God, but I found myself drifting away from that love for God whenever I found myself in difficult situations. Shame and fear also interfered. The most important elements that helped me to demere these barriers were my sincere yearning to unite with my central figure and to follow the course toward God's will. After this witnessing activity, I gained my first spiritual child. I felt immense joy and gratitude. I want to continue to move forward for the creation of the kingdom of heaven on earth, which is the dream I share with God. 

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CARP members that partook in the witnessing activities

True Parents in Jardim, Pantanal

By Hirano Futoshi



Mr. Hirano (front row, second from the left) with True Parents in South America

T rue Parents began their second Forty-Year Course from May 1, 1995, in Jardim, which is in the remote Brazilian countryside. They invested everything they had in order to take care of providential matters that could not be fulfilled in the past, and they were victorious in bringing about the Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship on January 13, 2001. Father stated that this was the completion and conclusion of the providence of restoration.

Mother instructed me to assist True Parents with fishing and to assist Mother in particular. Thus, I received the blessing of taking part in True Parents' Pantanal providence for seven years. True Parents visited frequently, so much so that it would not be an exaggeration to say that they lived in the Pantanal region during those seven years. Mornings began with physical exercises while still dark, which were followed by hoondok reading. After a hurried breakfast, on the signal of the words, "Ka ja" (Let's go) from Father, we headed to the river to start fishing.

The fishing in the Pantanal was different from that in the ocean providence areas, in that Father and Mother did not go out together but were always apart from each other while offering devotion through fish-

ing. I attended Mother and assisted her fishing on the Plata River and Miranda River. If asked by Mother, I would go to assist Father, and in this way, I was able to spend my days with our dear True Parents. For me, being allowed to attend True Parents by helping with the fishing made this a time of great joy and grace. However, as I watched True Parents, who offered sacrificial devotion, with themselves as the offering, leaving their children behind far away, I used to feel very sorry.

A raging, internal battle

The time fishing in the Salobra Hotel area was the most serious, especially during their condition offered for the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing Ceremony. The atmosphere was intense, reminiscent of war. From early morning, Father raced through the jungle at full speed, scratching himself on the face with tree branches. He was undergoing a battle in which not one second could be lost and at some point, he overtook Satan. In the scorching sunlight, while mosquitoes charged at his deeply sunburnt face, Father did not move until there were stars in the sky. I heard Father say, "A year in the Pantanal is equivalent to ten regular years," which meant True

Parents underwent the equivalent of a seventy-year battle.

The boat used in the Salobra River was built for three passengers; once in it, you could hardly move. It was moored in the middle of the river, with fishing rods facing every direction. Father waited without moving for pacu to bite, and the boat had to remain still. There was no toilet; plastic bottles cut in half were used quietly onboard. An upset stomach was a big problem. During this period, June–July 1997, Father caught thirty-six pacu, as a condition to bring victory.

There being no security system, so I always carried a gun. In this somewhat unsafe region, if something occurred, it would have been difficult to control. Yet, we were the ones actually being protected by True Parents.

The spirit of the Pantanal was to "swallow things whole." This meant that one had to forgive, love and digest everything. True Parents did just that. They forgave their greatest enemy, who was in the deepest and most difficult part of hell, and blessed him. Eventually, the enemy of God and humankind, Satan, was brought to natural surrender through true love.

On June 24, 1997, Father said, "Restoration is a difficult thing—natural surrender! The world of love is not attained through conflict. If this could be gained by power, God would have accomplished everything in a single day. I began with hardships and I will end with hardships. Even if I'm in a position to receive glory, that will be left behind for posterity. I will end with hardships."

I think that True Parents hardly ever slept while here. In Salobra, the daily time for preparing the fishing gear was limited, so all equipment was set up on the veranda of True Parents' public quarters. As part of the security staff, and to be able to deal with sudden changes in plans, I

slept there. I saw that the light in True Parents' room was turned off for only short spans of time.

Centered on May 15, 1998, the Proclamation Ceremony for the Liberation of Hell, which Hyo-jin nim also attended, was held at the Nabileque Hotel Americano, Room 14. Following that, there was an intense course of vigils before June 2, when the prayer for the liberation of Maria Pak occurred.

Preparing for June 2

On the evening of May 24, Father had said, "Tomorrow, we go to Nabileque." To travel to Nabileque from Salobra, I would have to go about five hundred kilometers by land, half of which was on unpaved roads at the time. After arriving at Porto Muruchinio, I had to go upstream for two and a half hours by boat, going full speed. I thought, "It will take Father about an hour by plane, so he can leave in the morning, but I have got to leave now!" In those days, I had just one fishing pole, but I had to pack food, kimchi, utensils, mats to sit on, etc. There was one car and I would be the only driver, so I was close to panicking.

After packing the van, I left after 9:00 PM. About 6:00 AM, I made it to the Porto Muruchinio riverside in a groggy state. I had been too drowsy to drive fast. I quickly got the boat ready, packed the gear and headed for Nabileque. When I finally came close to the destination, I saw True Parents' plane fly across the river and descend into Olympo Airport. True Parents reached the nearby hotel in Nabileque by boat. I was able to arrive almost at the same time they did. Fortunately, I made it in time for True Parents' fishing to begin.

I thought I was the only one who hadn't been able to sleep but learned later that True Parents had not slept at all either and had held a hoondok reading throughout the night. They repeatedly read the part about Maria Pak in Dr. Lee Sang-hun's messages from the spirit world. I heard that Mr. Kim Myeong-soon, then president of the Salobra Hotel, had done the reading, although he was on the verge of collapse. Father had been setting conditions, all-night prayer vigils to love and forgive enemies, so that God's

deep grief could be resolved and hell could be abolished. I do not think he rested before or after this time either. At 3:00 AM on June 2, he told me while I was on night watch, "Wake everyone up. We will pray at 4:00 AM." Then in room 14, he offered deep prayers of tears, asking God to forgive Maria Pak.

Soon after, on June 13, when the first stage of the 120-Million-Couple Blessing Ceremony took place, and True Parents blessed Satan and the saints as being in the same position, we found Maria Pak's name among them. Because of this blessing, True Parents had liberated the realm of archangels in the spirit world. I believe it can be said that this was an important condition for Satan's natural surrender on March 21, 1999. This is just one example, but I believe that Father continued to engage in intense battles that no one else was aware of.

Fishing as a condition

Once Father set his mind on a fishing spot, he continued there, whereas Mother explored various places. If there was a good spot, she let Father know. She casts accurately and properly, using her wrist, and caught many large-sized pacu. Father once said, "Mother is the champion of Pantanal fishing!" I did not hear from Father the reason that he and Mother fished separately, but it occurred to me that perhaps the Pantanal providence—which symbolized the mother's womb as well as the earth vis-à-vis heaven—depended on Mother's victory.

The time spent with Mother in the boat was as precious as a crown jewel. Mother focused on the fishing rod, intent on catching even one more pacu, and she was indeed the True Mother, trying to save and embrace all of humankind. Her words were few as she fished, but each time she called my name, I felt such a joy and happiness.


On May 14, 1999, True Parents declared the Liberation Ceremony of the Cosmos in the same room in the Hotel Americano. Then, on July 27, the Holy Ground of the Victory of the Original Source was dedicated.

This holy ground has special significance. At its dedication ceremony, these elements were in Father's prayer: "We have passed through the

entire course of the failure of the Third Adam in the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age and the Completed Testament Age.... We have welcomed an age in which God is able to stand at the forefront and give directions to Satan and the True Adam and the Archangel.... I hereby dedicate this base of blessing, from which we can go directly to the heavenly nation."

At the time Father said, "On June 14, the Proclamation of the Cosmic Victory and Celebration of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth were held; therefore, it is now done. We have built a base that can become the origin of heaven. We can sort out all of history from beginning to end on this holy ground. Unification Church members should visit here at least once every four years. This is at the ends of the earth. The departure to heaven is made from the Family Federation for World Peace's Ideal Family Education Headquarters in Jardim. You must go to heaven via this holy ground, receiving education here. Without passing through this ground, you will not be able to ascend perpendicularly. A special order from God set this as a holy ground. It eternally has no relationship to Satan. Working the Lord at his Second Advent, the holy ground base of the completion of the original, unfallen Adam, owned by God has been recaptured. After coming here, you can return to your countries and be registered for the first time. This holy ground is the original holy ground. It is the completed, original holy ground. I am now liberated, and all is completed. From now on, the task is for all of you to inherit and complete..."

I remember Mother's warm, soft hand when I took it to cross the river, and when she caught five big pacu, saying, "Oppa" (an exclamation like 'Wow! In Brazilian; in Korean, it is short for "five (O) pacu (ppa)," as well as "brother.") October 13, 1998, October 27, 1998. Mother said to record these dates. I can recall Mother and Father exchanging information about fishing results via a wireless radio, which seems like only yesterday.

True Parents, we love you. 

Mr. Hirano continues to work in the administrative office in Jardim.

Innovative Workshop for Students from Former Soviet Countries

Our Northeast Region conducted a workshop from August 20–26 based on the concept that to give people a real shot at studying new principles, it helps to bring them out of their usual environment into one that facilitates uncluttered contemplation. With True Mother’s direct encouragement and financial support, the regional staff was able to arrange a Divine Principle workshop at YongPyong Resort in the Korean countryside for students from nations of the former Soviet Union that wish to learn more about our movement. YongPyong is a four-season resort owned by our church business foundation. (Its ski runs are some of the best in Korea, and it will be one of the venues for the 2018 Winter Olympics.) Yet the twenty-three carefully selected students, from Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and even Mongolia, were not exactly on vacation.

According to regional president Chung Jin-hwa, “The program was a mixture of the Divine Principle and experiential programs. Participants listened to Divine Principle presenta-

tions and then discussed the purpose of life.”

The workshop program was indeed intense and diverse. During its five-day course, students not only heard Divine Principle but took part in interactive sessions and outdoor activities. Opportunities abounded for participants to express their thoughts and to ask questions.

An awakening of idealism

Perhaps because most participants came from the former Soviet Union, where governments had suppressed the expressions of religious ideas for two generations, Divine Principle concepts were especially stimulating, and participants in the question and answer sessions following each presentation were animated.

The first day’s focus on the Principle of Creation, for example, included a showing of the movie “What Dreams May Come,” depicting life and love in the spirit world. A number of participants were struck by the issues raised—that the spirit world might really exist and that it might influence our lives on earth.

The next day, Korean FFWPU Pres-

ident Ryu spoke on True Parents’ work to sow many seeds for the establishment of world peace. His visit was all the more memorable because he brought pizza and gifts for each participant. In discussing Rev. Ryu’s speech, participants concluded:

- We are young people and we are the future, which is why we need to take responsibility for the future.
- Even though we are all different we can make a world of peace through unity.
- No matter which religion you come to God through, when you come to God you can make unity.

There followed a debate on the topic of pure love. Although not all the students agreed with the presentations on this topic, the debate caused them to consider more intensely worldly concepts that they naturally absorbed by dint of growing up in societies without a strong religious foundation.

The challenge accepted

Second-generation church leader and



With students (seated) Chung Jin-hwa, president of our Northeast Region (second from right) with Pres. Ryu of Korea and others related to his region or to Korea



Mathew Huish giving a lecture on the purpose of the returning Messiah



The students played yut.



One result of a sisterhood ceremony

lecturer Matthew Huish from the United Kingdom gave lectures on the purpose of the coming of the Messiah on the third day. Rather than quoting the Bible or other scriptures, Rev. Huish used examples from science and psychology, an approach the participants appreciated. The session concluded with a role-playing exercise: students were asked to imagine they were the Messiah and give a speech to the people of the world. Many struggled with the task, perhaps realizing how weighty and challenging the mission and responsibility of the Messiah is.

The afternoon was devoted to a hike through the hills. The connection between the vigorous hike and the morning lectures on the course of the Messiah was not lost on the students. The hike represented (or perhaps foreshadowed) the toughness of the indemnity course and revealed how easily our fallen nature comes to the fore. The lesson for the day was in perseverance. The students' victory was that they did not give up and the principle learned that they should never complain. Reaching the summit of the hill naturally symbolized each person's internal victory.

Testimony to personal change

The internet campaign specially organized to invite students to this workshop was what attracted a young participant from Vladivostok

in eastern Russia. Even before traveling to Korea, our members told her that after the workshop she would see the world completely differently and that she herself would change. She doubted this. However, on the third day, after the lectures on the Last Days and the Purpose of the Messiah, she testified that her mind and heart had exploded. She broke into tears, something she said was not usual for her.

On the final day, after lectures about True Father's life and after a question and answer session on the blessing, she said that her mind turned upside down, without the possibility of reverting to its previous state. She was afraid of the change because she was not ready for it, she said, but she expressed confidence to be able to digest everything in time.


Another participant, from Kazakhstan, asked why Almighty God could not find the Messiah right away, and why he did not change people quickly. After the mountain hike she realized that it is difficult to avoid complaining even for just two hours; yet God needs people to be grateful and keep an unchanging heart for a much longer time period. That is why for God it is so difficult to find his champion.

Creating family ties

For the majority of participants, the most valuable experience was making relationships with people of dif-

ferent nationalities and cultures. In the beginning, they thought relating with people who spoke different languages would be hard, but the experience showed them it could be done. The brother-sisterhood ceremony that matched the visiting students with counterparts from among Korean CARP members, students from Sun Moon University, brought this home.

The first thing they did with their newfound siblings was to learn one or two phrases of the other's language. The visiting students thus broadened their minds to an international level. Some mentioned they through the workshop they had found a new family.

Regional President Chung noted in conclusion, "There are parallels in history. In 1991, three thousand university students came from the Soviet Union to attend Divine Principle workshops in the United States. That providence is now taking place again with this successful Divine Principle workshop in Korea, where, again, young people from the former Soviet Union have come. I believe that drawing upon heavenly fortune, the workshop should become a successful starting point for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk by 2020. I sincerely convey my gratitude to True Parents." 

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» GLOBAL NEWS

» Japan

Pastors share and reconnect



FFWPU-Japan held two simultaneous Cheon Il Guk leadership assemblies for pastors, in East Japan and West Japan. From September 2, for three days, two hundred pastors could interact and share their church development goals. Chairman Song of the Federation of Blessed Families in Japan proposed a model case of leadership in the era of Cheon Il Guk. The occasion permitted the Japanese leaders to gain a deeper consciousness of their mission, in line with the global providence.

» Europe

Vibrant Youth UPF sessions



Young people from Sweden, Finland, Denmark, France, Germany, Austria, Malta, Tunisia, Russia and the United Kingdom came together from August 20–24 for the first Youth UPF Leadership Training Session, which UPF-Europe hosted. The program was interactive, combining lectures, mini-workshops and

group discussions. Lectures on political conceptions of peace and on conceptions of peace among world religions, for example, stimulated discussions on developing European-level Youth UPF projects. Some previously inactive young members were inspired to reconnect.

New skills for young adults

A UK CARP convention—the first ever—was held at our Livingstone House convention center just outside London from September 5–9. The convention's program included presentations and discussion on time management, character education, goal setting and public speaking, among others. One participant commented, "The variation of the topics from time management, to budgeting, to writing a CV was an amazing idea. I've learned how to improve my spiritual and external life through goals and by constantly focusing on improvement. This convention really helped to remotivate me in supporting my community and in preparing for the bigger steps in life."

A new resource in French

The Family Federation for Peace in France has a new web site: www.famille-spourlapaix.org. The main purpose of this site is to assist in outreach by introducing who we are to non-members, explaining our beliefs and featuring some of our founders' activities to French speaking people.

» Middle East

Rights championed in Israel

On September 9, UPF-Israel joined forces with Kehilat Har-El, a progressive Jewish community, to hold an event in a Jerusalem synagogue commemorating the international day of peace, on the theme, The Right of Peoples to Peace. A variety of commentators from different

religious traditions and civil society spoke, offered prayers or sang. In his presentation, in alluding to the division of his native Korea, Unificationist emissary, Rev. Thomas Hwang, said at this time, people must no longer view each other as different, but come together.

» Greater China

Formula course presented

A conference on religion and peace at a Jesuit cultural center on August 29 attracted nine religious groups. Taiwan UPF president Mr. Chen spoke on "The Formula Course of Faith," derived from the Divine Principle. He testified to True Parents and to blessed marriage.

Caring for witnessing contacts

FFWPU-Taiwan held workshops on caring for witnessing contacts. The lecturers, all church leaders, answered questions based on their practical experiences. The discussions energized members.

» Asia

Divine Principle televised

The Family Federation in Nepal signed an agreement with the national television station, NTV, to broadcast Divine Principle lectures on a weekly basis for a year beginning from September 2014. NTV broadcasted the first lecture on September 14.

Seminars in all Thai provinces

The Unification movement in Thailand is holding UPF and FFWPU Peace Seminars throughout the seventy-seven provinces of Thailand. In the first two events, General Terdsak Maromme, president of UPF Thailand and permanent aide to Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej, gave welcoming remarks, and Cheon Il Guk special envoy Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul gave a

speech on “Leadership and Vision for an Ideal Peace Society.” Participants appear to have grasped the importance to their province of teachings that support family values for a healthy society.



» Oceania

UPF New Zealand

UPF New Zealand, the Family Federation and the Women’s Federation organized a commemoration of the UN International Day of Peace that attracted two hundred people, on September 14, in the city of Parnell. The program featured prayers by religious leaders from twelve religious organizations in New Zealand, followed by lively cultural presentations and speeches. The keynote speaker was Mr. Tukoroirangi Morgan, who represented King Tuheitia of the Maori people, who is recovering after recently being hospitalized. The ensuing walk for peace culminating in song and release of balloons created a moment to experience the spirit of harmony and unity as one family under God.



Australian prayer for peace

UPF Australia collaborated with Believing Women for a Culture of Peace and our Women’s Federation to mark the 2014 UN International Day of Peace with an Interfaith Walk and Prayer for Peace in Brisbane, on Australia’s east coast. The walk concluded with an event at speakers’ corner in front of Queensland’s Parliament House, where diverse faith leaders offered prayers. Some people attached written prayers for peace to a prayer tree. Participants sang and prayed

together for an end to war and violence.

» South America

Brazil forms a peace alliance

On August 30, through their ambassadors for peace network (including government and business figures and a Catholic priest) UPF joined FFWPU and WFWP in inviting a hundred and forty people to the São Paulo FFWPU headquarters to form an alliance. There, Dr. Simão Ferabolli, spoke about UPF World Summit 2014. UPF honored six people as ambassadors for peace, each of whom shared a few words. The event expanded Brazil’s network of the culture of peace.

WFWP’s Vision 2020

On September 6, the Women’s Federation in Venezuela celebrated the new WFWP strategy based on Vision 2020. The event drew sixty guests, including leaders from different NGOs, school principals and Japanese WFWP volunteers. Dr. Maria Tomasini, chairwoman of WFWP-Venezuela, recognized that they must make effort to create an environment in which True Parents’ teachings and examples can be promoted. Special thanks were conveyed to WFWP-Japan volunteers for their hard work and donations, used in particular to buy musical instruments and music stands to help children in socially disadvantaged areas.



» North America

A forum on Syria and Iraq

In the United States, in the last week of August, UPF’s Office of Peace and Security Affairs convened a forum with Washington DC-based government and civil society representatives, scholars, diplomats and religious leaders to examine the current situations in Syria and Iraq. They sought clarity on what steps are needed to stabilize the region in order to achieve lasting peace. The focus of their discussions was how to respond to ISIS

and its self-proclaimed caliphate, with its apparent religious zeal, and undeniable financial and military strength.

» Africa

Workshops in Cameroon

Cameroon has been the site of four-day, seven-day and twenty-one-day workshops, sponsored by a Cameroonian that currently is the pastor of our church in Denver, Colorado, in the United States. Rev. Stephen Ngalame and his wife Hiroko have been sponsoring Divine Principle seminars in Cameroon since 2002. Rev. Ngalame is a member of the Bakossi tribe in southwest Cameroon. The chief of the tribe is also our local church leader. Many of Rev. Ngalame’s relatives and spiritual children have gone through the Blessing Ceremony via this tribal messiah effort.

Cote D’Ivoire’s workshop for youth

A twenty-one-day workshop for twenty-eight second-generation members, fourteen to twenty-three-years old, and ten first-generation members took place at a member’s home. After lecture practice, the young people witnessed to twenty-three guests and then presented lectures in front of those guests. Some visited a Liberian prophet’s church. Five children spoke at the closing. The workshop choir sang. National leader Eugene Ahondjo and Africa UPF leader Adama Doumbia spoke encouragingly and presented each participant with a Divine Principle book.

New headquarters in Angola

On August 30, in the northern Angolan province of Uije the Family Federation inaugurated a new temple and headquarters for the region, following a year of construction. Present were Rev. Michel Futila (who is the sub-regional director for central Africa) his wife, and Angolan national leader Rev. Pedro Kinambuta, with other members and some prominent local dignitaries. Following the dedication of the building, the group visited a local hospital and donated food. Local media covered these activities.



