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### Our Attitude as We Move Toward Vision 2020

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hrough the proclamation of Vision 2020, True Mother emphasized that we must realize a substantial Cheon II Guk by 2020, when True Mother will turn seventy-seven and True Father would have turned a hundred years old. Following this direction, all the leaders and all other members in Asia have been investing all their heart and strength into achieving it. In May 2014, True Mother personally presided over the regional presidents' meeting. At that time, she moved the FFWPU International Headquarters to Cheon Jeong Gung and stated that her future providential focus will be on Asia. As the mother of humankind, I believe it was natural for her

to say that, because two-thirds of the world's population (including our Great China region) is in Asia.

In addition, in the following Global Joint Service, viewed worldwide over the internet soon after that, she appointed eight special emissaries. Having been appointed a special emissary while continuing my mission as a regional president, I feel a heavy weight of responsibility on my shoulders.

The Bible verse, Amos 3:7, reads "Surely the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets." As people who live in the same era as the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, what we must absolutely believe in are True Father's statement, "I have achieved every-thing," and his declaration that he has perfected, concluded and completed the entire providence. What remains is now our responsibility. I am confident that our Heavenly Parent will reveal the secret regarding how to substantiate Cheon II Guk on the victorious foundation the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind established by shedding their blood, sweat and tears. Having revealed this to those blessed members and nations—somewhere out there in the world—that absolutely believe in True Parents' victorious foundation and absolutely obey and love True Parents, God will then act through them.

Just as Isaiah 46:11 reads, "I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it," with our own hands, we must realize Cheon II Guk, which True Parents proclaimed, by 2020. In light of the fact that True Father in heaven and True Mother on earth are commanding us while united in heart, body and ideology, they will certainly enable us to complete the substantiation of Cheon II Guk starting from Asia.

Just as the Holy Spirit filled the upper room after Jesus' death, Heaven has been working through tribal messiahs everywhere in Asia after True Father's seonghwa. No one can stop, by human power, the work of Heaven, which has been emerging all over Asia like water suddenly bursting out of a reservoir. We are preparing a rally for February 1, 2015 in the Philippines that will gather 144,000 people that have been connected to us through tribal messiahs. Furthermore, our members are holding tribal messiah activities in all seventy-seven provinces of Thailand with the active support of the government. This fire is also spreading to Malaysia, other nations in Indochina, Nepal, Indonesia and elsewhere. We will relentlessly march forward until 2020, carried by the momentum from this heavenly fortune, realize Cheon II Guk in Asia at all cost and dedicate it to Heaven. *7* 

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### **Era of Restoring our Rights**

Declaration of the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified Cosmos October 3, 2004, Guri Training Center

oday is Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth. Until now, we called this day Foundation Day for the Unified World Nation, but from now on, it will be called Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth. It is the nation of heaven and earth because we have passed the stage of a unified nation and are entering the stage of the nation of heaven and earth and because we have passed the era of the individual, family and nation and are entering the era of the world.

#### The history to raise the owner

Until the age of sixteen, Adam possessed True Parents' lineage. After that, everything turned inside out and that lineage disappeared. That is why at the age of sixteen, I became one with the spiritual world and from this position, which has no traces of the Fall, Heaven's new privileged providence could begin and a kingly foundation, through which the world could be organized, came to be formed. From now on, the realm of religions and of kings of nations in the satanic world will be integrated into the interfaith and international realm.

The blood shed by those in the religious realm through their sacrifices covers the earth. How, then, can this be indemnified? Just before the people of Israel all set off for Canaan, they applied blood to their doorposts. Because they passed that blood as they set off on their way to Canaan, they could become flag bearers that could become a new people for the founding of a new Israel. However, because they could not maintain absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience centered on Moses, you should know that they all became food for vultures in the wilderness.

Tremendous indemnity has been paid throughout the thousands of years of history; yet there is still no owner of religion, no owner of the nation and no owner of the cosmos. That is why the providence has been a history of trying to raise an owner and to form the position of perfected Adam and that of the True Parents of the Cosmos, True Parents of Heaven and Earth, and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. In order to obtain such providential positions, you must deny everything. It is indemnity. If your family opposes you, you must deny even your family. If your tribe opposes you, you must deny that tribe; if a people opposes you, you must deny that people; if a nation opposes you, you must deny that nation. You must deny materialism or the idealistic understandings of history within the democratic world and communist world.

To the satanic world, which must be denied, I am like a ringleader, one whom they must obliterate through any means with all their strength, even if it means changing a nation, because I came to deny that world. Communism and democracy joined hands; the KGB and CIA joined hands in order to bring down Rev. Moon. They attempted to assassinate Rev. Moon, but it did not work out in the way they wanted. I could pass over this hill when I entered the Danbury Correctional Institution in the United States. When I went to prison, not only did families, tribes, peoples and nations in the satanic world shout hooray, but also those with an idealistic and materialistic understanding of history came together to do the same thing; yet their shouts of hooray were signs of collapse.

As soon as I was released, I began a fight in earnest. I took seven thousand pastors to Korea and taught them. When Elijah asked God to take him to the spiritual world, saying, "Lord... I alone am left," God replied, "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed a knee to Baal" (Referred to Romans 11:3–4). God told him he had to fight again centered on those seven thousand people; however, because that did not happen, I am now paying indemnity for it in my time.

From now on, you must risk your lives, going in the direction that I decide upon, with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. What is the kind of trial North Korea uses called? (The one that is done in a communist style?) A people's court. However, once we can have a heavenly people's court, the nation and the world will be blown away. This is the privileged authority from the day that the door to heaven opened. Since we are opening the door to heaven centered on the cosmic nation, the nation of heaven and earth-the nation of heaven, earth and humankindthose that have not received the blessing cannot go through it.

#### The era of restoring our rights

I am saying this directly from this time on. The founding of the Nation of the Unified Cosmos, the Nation of the Unified Heaven and Earth, or the Nation of Heaven, Earth and Humankind marks the beginning of the era that can bring about a solution centered on a substantial being. It is one nation and is not trivial as when different nations are involved. It will become the foundation of the unified nation. On this day, heaven and earth will become one and there will only be one door, not two. Only those who have received the blessing will be able to enter through this one door. However, even if you as an individual have received the blessing, you cannot move onto the world if the nation is not liberated. Nor can you move onto the world if the nation has not received the blessing and entered through that door with you. You cannot join the ranks of saints.

Depending on how absolute your faith, love and obedience were, your status would be different. Remember that you are in critical positions; you are fighting for first, second, third and fourth place. You should have only absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in your minds. Husbands must practice absolute love, absolute obedience and absolute faith and become one with their wives. Wives, too, must have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience toward their husbands. When the couple invests in each other and forget about it, they can move on to a higher level. The path that that couple follows could develop beyond the level of the world to that of the infinite world!

There is no higher realm of liberation and complete freedom, no higher realization of peace, no higher reign of peace than this. Such an era is coming. In that era, we will be in the position of owners who can shout mansei!-a position that can represent God and a position that can represent God's body and mind. When it comes to that kingship being exercised, no one would be able to stop its authority; hence, the era we are in now is no longer the era of restoration but the era through which we have to restore our rights! Only by having complete restoration, can the era through which we can restore our rights come.

Then what am I going to do from now on? Who will raise the money needed to found a nation? I am about to raise that money. Yet, can a king do that? What will I do with the funds to found the nation? We must build embassies and build a headquarters of the heavenly nation that is more magnificent than any palace in the satanic world. I have given a special command regarding raising money to found the nation. However, if someone is trying to avoid that, where can that person live? I will implement this work even if it means not sleeping, day or night. Is there anyone who would like to live well alone while in the process making a grandfather who is over eighty (roughly ninety when rounded off) do everything? If there is, greater heavenly punishment will certainly befall that person.

We are fruit borne from the roots of a history when early members sold their blood, starved and witnessed even while eating dog food. If we could live like that to raise the money needed to form the heavenly nation, you would certainly become historic figures remembered for eternity. Even though I knew the difficult reality in those days, I still gave members more orders and pushed them to a position of greater death. I still clearly remember this in my heart. However, my responsibility is to pass down to your hearts my living heart and to purify everything that violates the traditional ideology as I tour from one nation to another and as I visit even the spiritual world.

Do you know how impatient I am? I cannot just kill this part of me, not having used it even once as I approach ninety and then die. You are destined to work on indemnifying and liberating this aspect of my heart and then move forward. All existing beings in the world say, "Teacher, come back to whom you really are! Please put everything in order." This has remained a basis of accusation. I am letting you know what the responsibility of a devoted child that has moved forward with an iron will to establish the ideal of creation and that serves our Heavenly Parent is. I am informing you of the responsibility a patriot has and what kind of path a patriot must follow. We cannot forget this path, even in a dream. It is like a heavenly soldier, with eyes wide open, determined to continue reinforcing a shielding bridgehead step by step as he lives. The life of such a heavenly soldier and that of a devoted child must become one's family tradition. Blessed families must not forget that we must follow this practical path, pass down this tradition and that it will become a foundation of liberation. This is not the era of restoration but the era in which we should restore our rights. In the era to restore our rights, all creation should unite with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience centered on the heavenly nation and serve God as united bone marrow. When making a 180-degree clockwise turn, everything should make that 180-degree turn in unison; likewise, when making an anticlockwise turn, everything should turn in that direction. We should be able to attain such unityunity of the heart, body, thought and core. As long as the core remains intact, no matter what kind of shape a relative secondary entity may take, it will have the same shadow and be of the same body. You must know that the core is the authority of an existence. 76



### The Month of Harvest and Liberation

Mother spoke to members at hoondokhae on October 1, in the Cheon Jeong Gung hoondokhae room. This is what she said that morning.

ctober is usually called the month of liberation and the month of harvest, isn't it? Have you all been working hard on the harvest? You say that you follow the way of God's will, but you have been weak in preparing for the future. What are your dreams? Aren't most of you here in your late fifties? The young people from the witnessing revival group; please stand up. Everyone else, except for you, is aged. Though they have lived for more than fifty years, there is no guarantee that they will live for more than fifty years in the remainder of their lives. In light of that, what were your dreams and when will they come true? A person that has not been able to establish a successor cannot achieve that dream.

Among Korean members are many age gaps. I have been looking for leaders that can ignite a new youth movement; sadly, I can't find anyone. You must repent deeply. From the position of parents, how... You are supposed to open the way for your children. You had to emulate True Parents. You said you would love, respect and attend True Parents throughout their lives, but what happened to achieving their dreams? This must not finish within your generation. You must strengthen the foundation and environment that will enable this dream to be continued, developed and realized. A person with a dream is young, even at the age of seventy. No matter how young you may be, if you do not have any dream, you just end up drifting away.

What did the hoondokhae reading we just did say about the physical world? It said this is where we prepare to harvest grain for the next world. Intact ripe grain uneaten by bugs! Only when that grain is stored in the heavenly warehouse, can our Heavenly Parent love you. Our lives here on earth are a short moment. You have repeatedly heard that the physical world is where we prepare for life in the next world, the eternal world. From now on, put your faith in practice and act to fulfill that dream. Isn't Cheon Il Guk the substantiation of that dream?

While looking at the golden waves in the fields, many memories came to me. I wondered whether farmers were happy now that the harvest season has arrived. However, on the contrary, I heard that they have more worries. Our farmers in Korea are struggling with issue of the importation of rice to Korea. All nations must be able to all live well. Though we are said to be going in this direction, some places may suffer disadvantages in the distribution process. This is because there is no true owner of this country or of the world. You must attend True Parents. A single word from True Parents should be able to put everything in order, but because this isn't the situation, people keep fighting and disputing issues. When you observe that, don't you feel anything?

Can I hold on to this dream of hope and have hope in you? I ask the young people, in particular to develop dreams through which your courage saves the nation and the world. Do you understand? What matters is the beginning. You are truly blessed people. Even if you have received the same amount of blessings, the person that develops those blessings well and expands the good environment through that becomes a noble person, doesn't he? Those that fail to do that just drift away. If you are wise people, what should you do? In addition, you received the blessing in True Parents' name and now have children and grandchildren children. In light of that, how will your future descendants—hundreds or thousands of years from now—assess you?

Heaven is alive. I receive reports from the special emissaries to each region almost every day. No matter what the environment, once a seed was planted, it grew. It bore fruit. This is amazing. I received a report from the special emissary to the Middle East. One cannot freely witness in the Middle Eastern environment. Blessed families there, however, have settled and preserved their families with a standard of absolute faith and absolute obedience in such remote areas and are making effort to find ways to restore their tribes. According to the special emissary, these members in the field move him deeply, and he goes on tours with a heart of gratitude. Motivated by the word alone, these blessed members are determined to work hard throughout their lives and bury their bones in the country. You, however, live in a different environment. Here, vou are receiving a lot of support. Among these blessed family members, there is one member who is making all kinds of effort to realize this dream despite the severely constricted environment. When asked how much support he needed to continue the work, he replied he needed only \$500.

You must deeply repent. Those that follow the way toward the fulfillment of God's will in a comfortable state must repent. In order to do that, you must witness a lot. If you do not witness and just keep receiving grace without bringing results, you-who are in the same position as those dedicated blessed members-will be in debt. I felt sorry for not paying much attention to them until now. That is why I appointed special emissaries and plan to give them a lot of support. In order to do that, the Korean church must witness a lot and become a central nation that can send many missionaries around the world. Isn't that

correct? Korea must become the source nation. However, it has not been able to do that, has it?

In light of this, I am greatly interested in CARP and the youth movement. Do you understand? This also applies to providential organizations. Isn't our goal Cheon Il Guk? We should become devoted children and patriots that bring forth many Cheon Il Guk citizens. Isn't this how you can save your tribe and liberate humankind? While I am on earth, you must let all seven billion people know of True Parents' emergence. They are in a very pitiable position without knowing about True Parents. You must have that sense of responsibility. If you have not been able to guide your children to this standard, witness to them and guide them to it. Do vou understand?

The season of harvest is a good season for witnessing. Please print the slogan "We are brothers and sisters that realize the dream" on vests or jackets and ask the members of the witnessing revival group to wear them. Many people will wonder what the dream is when they see it. So please make it look nice. [Applause]

We are in an era different from those of the past. We must be ahead when it comes to witnessing methods. And you must start in gratitude and joy. Isn't finding one life a joyful thing? The outside world is gradually collapsing. Isn't the fertility rate in Korea the lowest? Our young people must witness and change people's mind-set. True Parents, the path we are following and our vision alone can save the world. Only True Parents can save this country, bring unity between the two Koreas and bring together Asia and the world. This is greatly hopeful. Just as True Father said, isn't God giving us results equal to our efforts? Do you understand?

Please guide the revival group well. They are restarting with fresh determination. Please pray that they succeed so that our young people awaken and the church revives. When this happens, the whole church will live. This is our joy. Not so long ago, Rev. Lee Yo-han celebrated his ninetyninth birthday, didn't he? Is he still very strong? I sincerely hope that you all live as long as he does and greatly expand the good environment.  $\overline{\rho}$ 

### We Are One in Attending True Parents

True Mother called for a meeting to take place on October 27. She summoned all the Supreme Council members and other leaders from around the globe to Cheon Jeong Gung for this Special Meeting for World Leaders. This is the message she delivered on that day to an audience of around three hundred people.

hank you for your hard work. The reason I have called you all here today is because we are going to have the [Sunhak] Peace Prize award ceremony next year as part of Father's third anniversary. Moreover, because we need to make a little bit more effort in presenting our accomplishments, I have been thinking about everything—about how, by what methods, and with what kind of motivation we can create greater results.

As I have said many times, we are united as one in attending True Parents. You have to carry out your work while maintaining the standard of one heart, one body, one mind-set and one harmony. That is why I am determined to set things straight again and help you feel motivated, so that by the third anniversary, and further, by 2020, you can all reap the greatest harvest of your lives. Do you understand? [Yes!] Because I love you, I have come to this decision. Until now, you have observed True Parents' lives while staying at their sides. You have received their teachings. Yet, you have not been able to be moved by this and deeply, 100 percent, experience it in your body. You have not paid attention to your siblings or neighbors. Our past way of life must change now. You have to reflect on and repent over why you have been unable to resemble True Parents even though they taught you everything so clearly and even though you were at their sides, witnessing how they lived. Do you know what I mean?

Let me ask you a question: Do you know about Dae-mo nim? What kind of person was Dae-mo nim? Three generations of her family, rooted in the history of the Christian faith, searched for the returning Messiah in the flesh. She spent her entire life seeking the Lord and she is a unique woman and mother that was able to open up the environment through which you could be resurrected. She is the one who carried out that providential work. She is the only person to have successfully preserved in history the family of God's only begotten daughter and to have given birth to his only begotten daughter. Two thousand years ago, holy Mother Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son. Although she gave birth to him, she was unable to create an environment for him. She could have, but she did not. As a result, God's only begotten son was unable to meet God's only begotten daughter.

What happened in the end? Didn't Jesus die on the cross? His promise to return has sustained two thousand years of Christian history. When you think about this, you today are blessed people to have been able to hear True Parents' and Dae-mo nim's teachings and to have taken part in her works. Do you agree? [Yes!]

You received the blessing because of True Parents. You are their children. But what did I say yesterday? I said that by receiving the blessing you have become the water of life, clear water that is not like the muddled waters of the fallen world. Even though you are like clear water, you still must fulfill your responsibilities. If you remain stagnant, you cannot avoid becoming self-centered, always thinking of receiving blessings only for your own convenience, and thus like stale water. Therefore, you have to flow. You have to spread yourselves broadly. You have to connect with the bigger current. Then you can flow into the vast oceans. I am referring to the seven billion people of the world. You have to create and bring into realization an environment in which they can attend True Parents. Yet, you are in the position where you cannot even master yourselves. That is why we

have needed Dae-mo nim's works. Do you agree? [Yes!]

However, not just anyone could conduct Dae-mo nim's works. She comes from a family raised by Heaven. She is from a special tribe. Her household gave birth to God's only begotten daughter. More than anybody else, she was aware of the history of Heaven's providence of restoration through indemnity and made actual preparations to receive the returning Lord. Don't you agree? That is why there is no one comparable to Dae-mo nim.

Rev. Oyamada just gave a report using his rough Korean. How much of it could you catch? He is a very intelligent man. I know he speaks many foreign languages, but I think he is least proficient in Korean. I could understand what he was saving but I wonder how much you could. It is so difficult to express oneself in words. How much harder would it be for a spirit person to work on earth! Would it be easy or difficult? [It would be difficult.] It would be difficult if the spirit person herself were having a hard time. It's difficult even to have control over one's own body. But to work through another person's physical body? Is this possible? It has required her strenuous effort, beyond our imagination. Her works could only be done with the assistance of Heaven. I know Dae-mo nim very well.

I will ask you another question: What is the difference between a one's nanny and one's actual mother? [The lineage] What else? [A difference of heart] Anyone can give such answers. But I would like to explain it like this: A nanny is a public figure. She cannot have personal emotions in the task entrusted to her. A less mature mother might spoil her child because of her compassion or other circumstances. Do you understand?

When Dae-mo nim gave birth to me, Heaven told her, "You are her nanny." She displayed absolute faith. That is why I never thought about my natural parents. I did not yearn for them. My original, true parent is God. That is what my grandmother taught me. When I was young, she taught me that my father was God. That's the only thing I learned from her. That is why I was placed under heaven's protection, where I have remained until this day. Nobody educated me. God's only begotten son and God's only begotten daughter are equal. You cannot say that God's only begotten son educated God's only begotten daughter. Do you understand what I am saying?

That is why it was my decision. I have my own firm resolve. If the environment was prepared in such a way to help me, Dae-mo nim was indeed a nanny. Do you understand?

She did not harbor any ulterior motives throughout her life. Yet, more than anyone else, she was aware of providential history, of the returning Lord and of True Parents' stature. It would have been so good if the blessed families, those who have received the blessing, were all competent enough that I could be free of worries in all respects. However, not a single family has been worthy of praise. All have fallen short. True Parents occupy that single central point for which Heaven yearned deeply for six thousand years and for which humankind has longed. Although they appeared, not all the Cain-type children who attended True Parents were qualified. Even though they received the blessing they did not all achieve a passing grade. How sorrowful that is. How miserable True Parents must be. This can be expressed in simple words, but it is serious.

Think about this: When True Father took his first steps dealing with God's historical providence, he began from the very bottom of hell. He followed a path that severely challenged his physical body. The torture he went through under Japanese imperialists is not something that you who live in these times today can imagine. You'd heard about this from True Father in his speeches, hadn't you? The reality was that he had to come back from the point of death many times. There is a limit to life, to the human lifespan. No matter how great a soul he is, even as the True Parent, the day had to come when he shed his physical body. Only then could he enter the eternal world. I am sure you are aware of the concept that we go through three stages of life. In other words, we are all destined to see the day when we discard our physical bodies. The physical world is a place where we



can fully enjoy everything, in order to nourish our lives in the spirit world.

The spirit world is where you breathe true love. Envy and jealously have no place in that world. There, people do not plunder others to gain more for themselves. It is a world where people give, share, and love others, and rejoice together in happiness. Only then can it be said that they are happy.

Even if you are successful in your lives on earth, if you feel a sense of crisis because of a small mistake you commit, you will be unhappy and uncomfortable. That is how the conscience works. You have to discard all these problems while on earth and go to the next world in a body that conforms with life in the spirit world. Then you will meet your eternal Heavenly Parent and live surrounded by his love. That is the wish we have today. How close have you kept this to yourselves in your daily lives? If Dae-mo nim's providence in Cheongpyeong had not actually happened, we would have attended our Heavenly Parent in a miserable manner. How great God's bitterness would have been!

Furthermore, had we not been able to prepare the environment for a proper, final send off for True Father, I'm sure we would have been in a miserable and wretched situation and wishing to erase that moment forever. Yet, that day inevitably came upon us. Did anybody that had even an inkling about this ever mention to me, "We should prepare for that day in this way"? Did anybody say that?

You all have to repent; you ought to be ashamed of yourselves. If you do not digest what I am telling you right now and move on, it will be difficult for you to find your places as citizens of Cheon II Guk in the new era.

Dae-mo nim is a spirit; therefore, in order to work on the physical plane she needs a proxy. Yet, it is not as easy as you may think to use another person's body. The thoughts of that person on earth may not always be consistent. There is a saying in Korea: "A person is different in the morning and in the evening." They say that vou are different even before and after you use the bathroom. It is the same logic. Human beings within the fallen realm are all the same. Even you who received the blessing continue to fight among yourselves. It is not easy to carry on spiritual works with such people. It is not an easy task.

What I want to say, Hoon-mo, is thank you for your hard work. All of you must praise her for her accomplishments. She has achieved these together with Dae-mo nim. What I desire is for Hoon-mo to also think of her own family from the position of a nanny, as I explained earlier.

Heaven is fair. Don't you see that when you look at me? I contemplated deeply for six full months in order to take large strides toward 2020 and because this moment now is a time to make a decisive decision. Shall it be for the sake of the whole; or shall it be for the sake of one person?

I am the True Parent. The True Children in my family have many problems. However, I am following the path of the True Parent. The seven billion people of the world are unaware of the True Parents. Once we save them all and transform them into citizens of Cheon II Guk, the problems in the True Family will automatically be resolved. Do you understand? [Yes!]

I declare that it is now time for all of you to unite with True Mother, no matter what, and to take action and live up to your beliefs as a single organization, with one mind and one body. Do you understand?

Didn't I announce the five organs of Cheon II Guk? I have announced the five organs and have placed Cheon Jeong Won in Cheon Jeong Gung, where I will receive daily reports and carry out the providence. Are you all happy with this?

I am receiving reports through the special emissaries about matters that I was unaware of, and I am able to deal with them immediately. That is why Yang Young-taek, regional president of the Middle East Region, said thank you to me. I have to know things. If I do, I can deal with them immediately. I cannot be left in the dark. You must disclose everything, and then I can make corrections. I am telling you to be frank. In any event, the providential history that began from Korea is the mainstream. Haven't I said that this will grow to become a great current that will sweep across the five oceans and six continents and that all life will be resurrected in its wake? We must enthusiastically take action in making that a reality.

To accomplish this, you should all learn from the good examples that you heard in the reports from each region today and make effort to achieve similar things. You should hold hoondokhae every morning and offer jeongseong in your families and at church. Only then will you mobilize the spirit world. Now you have nothing to fear. You are not alone. The spirit world is working through you in a comprehensive way. You should be grateful for these busy but happy times when you can actually feel this happening, and accordingly take action. Otherwise, you and your descendants will be left in bitter sorrow.

I have said that you should all become noble families. I have asked you all to become devoted sons or daughters, patriots and divine children of God. It all depends on you. That is how a parent feels. I have lived my entire life by forgiving and forgetting. I did not try to remember and I made effort not to view others with preconceptions. I hope that you can continue to be as successful as you are right now to the very end.

Perhaps because finally my intent is being conveyed, people's hearts are touched. It has taken you that long to grow. How long will you need to be protected, as you are now? It is time for you to take responsibility on your own. Do you understand?

I see that we have our main world leaders here today. You all must now be resolved, with the same heart that I have. I shall now make adjustments from Korea. If you want to become a great current and race toward the vast ocean, all the smaller currents along the way must combine. Our providential organizations should make effort to reduce their size as much as they can, rather than starting up new projects. We should make things into one rather than two. Yet, the Korean headquarters will still be lacking even if it grows in size. Now, the providential organizations [in Korea] should reduce their size as much as possible and unite with the Korean headquarters. The direction they should take should be centered on witnessing and then on raising leaders, with our second-generation members, young people, and CARP at the center. UPF Korea and the Citizens Federation for the Reunification of Korea have worked hard and achieved many results. This was necessary until now. Thank you for your hard work. However, for greater success, I want all of you actually to fulfill your responsibilities as tribal messiahs, so that I can take you all with me. I want to be proud of you in front of True Father.

That is why I will combine UPF Korea with the Citizens Federation.

I shall now aggressively put the five organs into motion. The Cheon Eui Won [Cheon II Guk parliament] is headed by Rev. Kim Young-hwi and the global providence of this institution shall be carried out through the people that Rev. Kim selects.

The members of the Korean Cheon Eui Won, however, shall consist of prominent figures, early members, and former pastors and leaders of our church and elders. They shall take the lead with the Korean headquarters in carrying out the tribal messiah mission. The Mormon church, for example, does not have a complicated church doctrine, yet their organization has expanded globally. They began with seventy elders. Now that they have expanded throughout the world, I think they have a great many more. These are successful people that are recognized in society and recognized because of their lifestyles. They serve their church without any compensation. When I went to Utah to visit the Mormons, I met a Mormon elder who was a Korean. So I am now placing you all in the position of the actual owners of Cheon Il Guk.

Do you understand? Clear water must not remain still but must flow! You must not be resting on the excuse of how old you are. Until you depart for the next world, you must continue to revive the people, who face inevitable death. In what other way can you harvest fruit through your physical lives on earth? This is the only way. I am speaking about living and dying well. It is important to take on an important mission, but I am now giving you an opportunity to establish the tradition as noble families, central figures that can easily leave legacies behind for the future and for your descendants.

The mission headquarters [FFWPU International Headquarters] must help the missions worldwide. Although it will not be able to assist much, it should assist with maintaining momentum. It should become one in mind and body with the Korean headquarters so that the mission of tribal restoration, also, is accomplished in Korea, and so that Korea can thus preserve its honor. [Applause]. The training center should return to what it originally was when Daemo nim first began. Hoon-mo used it as a venue to bring life to the members and nurture them so that they could be qualified to become citizens of Cheon II Guk.

I hope that Hoon-mo, as the head of Jeongshimwon Prayer Hall, can bear beautiful fruit. You should not abandon your public mind but must understand where you belong. That is the way to save those around you. Do you understand?

The organizations within the Cheongshim complex shall be managed, maintained and developed by the Cheon Jae Won. There is much to do from now. Chairman of the Cheon Jae Won! Do you understand? I am entrusting this to you. Through the Cheon Jeong Won and through the mission headquarters centered here in Cheon Jeong Gung, we are globally one! Regional presidents! Special emissaries! Is this clear? We must move in that direction.

All organizations must become financially independent. To achieve this you must make effort. You must invest jeongseong. Sending out a memo telling people to gather or to come here is the old way of doing things. Now I am trying to appoint young people for the sake of our future generations. From now, the age group will continue to become younger. This is necessary for the sake of our future. I see that the UPF international president is here with us. You have to raise your successor. This is very important. That is why after True Father's seonghwa, the first thing I did was reinvigorate the education of secondgeneration members.

An eternal future awaits us. Everything depends on what we do. Take the history of Christianity, for example. It took more than three hundred years for Christianity to be recognized by Rome. We have to be different. We have to achieve the same feat while True Parents are still on earth. In order to do that, all organizations and everything must become united and become one in heart and body as we harvest results. I am talking about results. Do you understand? Will you do this? All of you that promise to do this, clap your hands hard and pledge in front of me! [Applause] 76





Mrs. Lee Hai-ok offers flowers to True Mother.





rue Mother onstage

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

# **THE GLOBAL JOINT** SERVICE

### To Strengthen Our Determination to Fulfill Our Mission as **New Tribal Messiahs**

We held the global joint service on October 26 at Cheongshim Peace World Center. Members everywhere, either in person or by internet from their countries, were able to participate in the service, which was intended as a time through which audience members could reflect on their mission as new tribal messiahs and reassert their determination to fulfill it. True Mother blessed all members as fresh, clear water and as the water of life and sincerely asked all blessed members to fulfill their tribal messiah mission of reviving those that are spiritually forlorn. Following her speech, representing all participants and all blessed members, special emissaries, regional presidents and representatives of different fields came onstage. They pledged to become true owners of Cheon II Guk-true parents, true teachers and true owners of their tribes as new tribal messiahs and for their families to achieve Cheon II Guk noble family status by restoring 430 families. They pledged that by loving and uniting for the sake of Cheon II Guk's settlement, they would become its pillars.

ictory in our quest to achieve Vision 2020! The Global Worship began at 10:30 AM on October 26 (9.3 by the heavenly calendar) at the Cheongshim Peace World Center. In attendance were around thirty thousand people including True Parents, some True Children and True Grandchildren, church leaders and blessed members.

Dr. Kim Man-ho, secretary general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, was the master of ceremonies. After beginning the worship service, the program went in the following order: We sang the Cheon II Guk anthem and recited the Family Pledge. Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk of FFWPU prayed. We viewed a video report on new tribal messiahs' activities. Yong Chung-sik, True Parents' Special Emissary to Asia, gave a progress report. True Mother entered. Everyone bowed. Song Yong-cheon, president of the Federation of Blessed Families in Japan, and his wife presented flowers. We watched a video of Mother's recent messages. True Mother, in person, gave the sermon for this service. We held a ceremony to express determination. A choir

sang "A man of the Wilderness." Chairman Seuk Joon-ho led cheers of eog-mansei, bringing the service to an end.

#### Blessed families, the water of life

Through her message on this day, referring to successful members in the Philippines and Thailand, True Mother stated, "In his final prayer, as he was leaving us, Father asked that we fulfill our responsibilities as tribal messiahs. How seriously have you been putting that into practice in your lives? Today, in two nations, tribal messiahs, who have been carrying out their responsibilities alongside all other members worldwide, have accomplished the restoration of four hundred and thirty families. Today, we have all come together. Let us all congratulate and encourage them. May today become a day of determination for every single one of us to achieve the same objective.

She then blessed members by saying, "If the fallen world is a polluted and stale world, blessed families are like fresh, clear water. You are like the water of life." Then she said, "Even if you are like clear water,



True Mother gave away personal belongings and shared her deep heart with members globally.

what happens if water remains stagnant? Its quality will deteriorate. Therefore, it must move. It must flow toward the ocean. Livings beings that are dying will revive wherever this true water of life flows. That is why it is necessary for tribal messiahs to act upon their responsibilities." She concluded her message by exhorting members to "become victorious, devoted and loyal sons or daughters."

In his report prayer, President Ryu of FFWPU-Korea, beseeched God, "I sincerely thank you for allowing the global joint service to be held here in the Cheongshim Peace World Center to spur the completion of our missions as new tribal messiahs, in the presence of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who are the substantiation of the word and the hometown of the deep heart. Please enable us to never forget True Parents' noble lives. With tears, they followed a thorn-strewn path, fighting billions of demons to benefit our inadequate lives and for humankind's salvation. Enable every single one of us, who have received new life through the love of True Parents-regarded by myriads of people as the king and queen of peace—to refresh our determination through this global joint service. Please guide us so that we can render glory and joy to you by fulfilling our mission as new tribal messiahs and by fulfilling Vision 2020 for the substantiation of Cheon II Guk."

Following this, everyone watched a ten-minute introductory video on new tribal messiah activities, which began with True Father's statement, "Shouldn't we die in a nation that God can protect? It has been my lifelong wish to find this nation before I die and live there at least for a day." The video presented True Parents' focus on tribal restoration and members' activities in the Philippines and Thailand, where new tribal messiahs fulfilled their missions. It also highlighted activities in Korea, Japan, the United States and other regions. Among the activities shown on the video, reports of the church in Taiwan receiving their government's Best Religious Group Award and Central America and South America actively carrying out home-group activities

and other projects were included.

#### Heavenly fortune coming in earnest

Then Special Emissary Yong came onstage to give a report on his region's activities. He said, "In the Philippines, the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival began from Mindanao, in General Santos City southeast of Manila, in March and has been held in fifteen cities under the slogan, Let Us Reconstruct Our Nation and Realize World Peace through the Power of the Family! Around thirty thousand people went through these Blessing Ceremonies. In Thailand, our church is expanding its agreement with the government regarding their supporting our True Family Movement education and the blessing in major cities." He then went on to introduce Thai tribal messiah, "Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, the chairman of UPF-Thailand, who was the very first person to fulfill the tribal messiah mission by restoring 430 families, and who is actively carrying out activities to make his hometown into an ideal, peaceful community."

Special Emissary Yong then said, "Both in the Philippines and Thailand, around four hundred to five hundred people come every morning to do hoondokhae. Through regular Divine Principle seminars, families are experiencing changes." He also forecasted, "Now that our faith is on fire, I believe that the number of members will exponentially increase starting from next month, when registration of tribal messiahs begins." He then said, "True Mother has asked us to complete the realization of Cheon II Guk by 2020, which would have been the year of True Father's hundredth birthday, and she has obligated us to complete our new tribal messiah missions. In alignment with this command, Asia has been carrying out new tribal messiah activities." Testifying to the advance of heavenly fortune, he said, "The flames of victory are moving beyond the Philippines, Thailand and Nepal and spreading throughout Asia."

Following the report, True Mother entered the stadium and all participants bowed to True Parents. Next, Rev. and Mrs. Song offered bouquets of flowers to True Parents. Next, an





*Above:* Resolution Readers Discernable in this Photograph: *Front row*: Kathy Rigney, Pak No-hi, Moon Lanyoung, Oyamada Hideo, Moon Sang-pil, Motoyama Katsumichi, Sa Kwang-kee, Yang Chang-shik, Yong Chung-sik, Robert Kittel; *Back, from left*: Chung Jin-hwa, Kim Ki-hoon, Ryu Kyeong-seuk *Right side, top to bottom:* Kim Man-ho, Ryu Kyeong-seuk, Yong Chung-sik

onstage drawing took place for two handbags that True Mother had used. The winners: Mr. Yu Jong-gwan, a Korean elder and Bishop Reynaldo Christobal, from the Philippines, an Asian Clergy Leadership Council member, who recently completed, with his wife, ceremonies related to his blessing. Next, the audience watched a video of quotations from Mother's recent speeches. Then, True Mother gave the message of the day, asking blessed families worldwide to fulfill their mission as tribal messiahs.

At that point, special emissaries, regional presidents and members working in different fields moved to the platform to recite a resolution. Representing the group and members everywhere, Mr. Moon Sang-pil, president of CARP-Korea; and Mr. Motoyama Katsumichi, president of CARP-Japan; read the resolution aloud:

We offer our deep gratitude to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents for opening the Cheon II Guk era. We will become true owners of Cheon II Guk that practice true love in resemblance of our Heavenly Parent, the Creator. We will emulate True Parents, the Messiah, the Returning Lord and Savior, who have liberated our Heavenly Parent and we will become true parents, true teachers, true owners of our tribes as new tribal messiahs. We will attain unity of the heart, body and harmonization in thought with True Parents. We will become blessed central families that achieve the three great blessings. We will build Cheon Il Guk noble families by witnessing to young people and restoring 430 families. We will actively work toward the realization of Cheon II Guk, one world of freedom, peace, unity and joy under our Heavenly Parent through forgiveness, love and unity, until we take our very last breath.

Following the resolution, everyone stood up, waved flags and sang, "A Man in the Wilderness." The entire service concluded with three cheers of eog mansei.

As part of the program before the main event, a holy song team comprising students from Universal Peace Academy, a training center for Cheon II Guk leaders, had led the audience in songs. They sang Korean holy songs numbers eight, twenty-seven and thirty. Bringing the atmosphere to a climax, supported by the applause of the congregation, a team of seonghwa youth and students from northern Tokyo, consisting of around sixty people, then performed dynamic dances. Audiences in five nationsthe United States, Brazil, the Philippines, Thailand and Japan-were connected to the global service by webcast, through which audiences of the service in many nations could see the atmosphere among the members in those five nations, who were absorbing the global service taking place in Korea.

Another drawing took place for presents from True Parents. Then, the International and Multi-Cultural Federation choir, comprising around a hundred choristers, led by Ms. Kwon Jeong-hwa, a gospel singer and second-generation member, sang "Lord, Thank You." The Sun Moon University CARP Praise Team performed "Heungtaryeong." 7

*This article was written by a* True Peace *magazine staff member.* 

## Toward an Upsurge in Tribal Messiah Successes



ctober is a beautiful time of harvest. Blessed families, members of the Unification Church from around the world, how and what did you harvest today?

"Blessing" is a term that humanity and our Heavenly Parent deeply longed for, one that finally appeared after six thousand years. Until the term "blessing" appeared in the fallen world, our Heavenly Parent had to go through indescribable difficulties and True Parents had to carry out the entire providence of restoration through indemnity. Based on their victory, the term "blessing" finally appeared. The blessing... Thank you. However, how are our blessed families today?

We have commemorated the second anniversary of True Father's ascension and are heading toward the third anniversary. At this point, what kind of determination should we make? In his final prayer, as he was leaving us, he asked that we fulfill our responsibilities as tribal messiahs. How seriously have you been putting that into practice in your lives?

Today, in two nations, tribal messiahs, who have been carrying out their responsibilities alongside all other members worldwide, have accomplished the restoration of four hundred and thirty families. Today, we have all come together. Let us all congratulate and encourage them. May today become a day of determination for every single one of us to achieve the same objective.

I spoke about the blessing. Through the blessing given to fallen humanity, humankind, you have been reborn and received new lives thanks to True Parents. If the fallen world is a polluted and stale world, blessed families are like fresh, clear water. You are like the water of life. What do you think about that? However, you have responsibilities. Please consider this. Even if you are like clear water, what happens if water remains stagnant? Its quality will deteriorate. Therefore, it must move. It must flow toward the ocean. Livings beings that are dying will revive wherever this true water of life flows. That is why it is necessary for tribal messiahs to act upon their responsibilities.

The tribal messiah movement will now become a huge wave and will spread beyond Thailand and the Philippines; it will pass through several countries in Asia and pass through Europe, the Americas, Africa, Oceania and the Middle East. It is swelling and moving toward the ocean. Wherever this wave passes, countless people will be reborn.

We cannot rely on anything in the world. The only method is for us to let others know about True Parents. Only when my family, my tribe and my nation become one with True Parents, aligned with the providence, and then they ride on a big wave that spreads to the five oceans and six continents can one world under God, one world-the kingdom of heaven on earth that our Heavenly Parent and humanity longs for-become true. Until that day comes, the day for which humanity has longed, it is my hope that all blessed families, all members of the Unification Church, become one in heart and in body, harmonized in thought and one with True Parents through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Can you stand still knowing that our brothers and sisters are still out there, miserable and struggling like orphans? You must stand up. Will you do that?

This event is one through which we must unite. We must confidently testify to the world that True Parents have come. You must help people outside our movement become aware of True Parents' achievements and of how great they are. Do not be afraid. Under the name True Parents, I say that wherever you act and reach out, the spiritual and physical worlds will be with you. What is there to be afraid of then? Confidently cry out. Confidently show the world that you are true blessed families, children of True Parents. Remember that this is the only way you can stand in the ranks of an ancestor of a victorious true family that has guided the seven billion people in becoming citizens of Cheon Il Guk, the status we so longed for. I hope you all become victorious, devoted and loyal sons and daughters. 🌈



*True Mother delivered this message in the Cheongshim Peace World Center at the October 26 global worship service.* 



Sun-jin nim spoke to this small group of dedicated, long-time members of the Japanese movement.

## Gratitude and Love from **True Mother**

While in Japan to deliver True Mother's message to Japanese members and others, at True Mother's request, Sun-jin nim also spoke, on October 1, to long-time members of the Japanese church. This was her personal message on that occasion.

espected and beloved elder blessed members, I am humbled to be standing in front of you, the great leaders and spiritual pillars of the Unification Church of Japan.

True Mother, more than anything, wanted to be here with all of you. Since she could not be here, she asked me to make sure to take time during this tour to personally pay tribute to all of you and respectfully applaud and venerate you, the elder members in Japan. More than anyone else in the world I believe you, our elder brothers and sisters here in Japan, know True mother's heart. You have all endured and claimed victory by overcoming all obstacles; you have steadfastly stood your ground as true devoted sons and daughters of True Parents and our Heavenly Parent.

Even though I am True Parents' direct descendent, none of the True Family members actually were raised by True Parents. Throughout my childhood, I only remember our parents speaking to and meeting with our church members; or leaving home to visit members in other countries around the world. Even though I am True Parents' daughter, I can only barely glimpse into the suffering course that you, together with True Parents, have followed.

These past few years I have spent more time with True Parents than during my whole previous lifetime as their daughter. I am learning through every precious moment I spend with True Parents. I am also learning through my experiences with all of you. I have learned about the depth of your faith, your pure dedication, sin-

cere offerings and your unwavering perseverance for world peace, which all of us should memorialize in our hearts. I am truly sorry to you all that I am here to greet you, because I fall short in all capacities when it comes to conveying True Mother's gratitude and love to you. I thank you for your consideration and patience.

I am sure you already know how to say "thank you" and "I love you" in Korean. These two simple expressions convey the heart and the message of love that Mother wanted me to share with you. True Mother began to emphasize the depth and meaning of these words after True Father's passing.

Seeing True Mother physically, spiritually and emotionally exhausted, I asked if there was anything I could do to comfort her. She said to

me, "Don't worry about me. We need to console and love the members worldwide." Soon after this time, she sent my husband and me on a worldwide tour to console our members and to collect True Parents' historical artifacts and prepare them to be delivered and memorialized in the Cheon Jung Gung museum. She then went on tour with True Family members cross-country in the United States, to give love and hope to all the American brothers and sisters. Ignoring her physical condition, she carried on tirelessly trying to heal, love, and give hope to all our members, our brothers and sisters, around the world.

After managing and stabilizing all the worldwide foundations, she wanted us to hold what is now known as the Aloha Workshop in Hawaii for all the grandchildren in the True Family. She wanted to secure True Parents' legacy, to make sure the future generations learn two main teachings. She said, "If you know these two things you can understand everything in the Divine Principle." The two precious Korean phrases, she taught were "kamsa hamnida" and "sarang hamnida!" As you know, these phrases mean "Thank you" and "I love you."

Mother always told me that these phrases represent the two most important principles-gratitude and love-that we should embody in our lives and pass on to our children. If we apply these principles, we can bring about true healing, joy and liberation and a peaceful resolution to all conflicts. Only when we are grateful can we become consciously aware that every moment is a blessing. In this awareness, there is only abundance, joy, fulfillment and true love. When we are thus inundated with Heavenly Parent's true love, we can become sources of love, feeling love in every cell of our bodies, and sharing it as one universal love with all people and all things in creation.

This is the complete harmony, the boundlessness and the absolute unity with the divine. True Mother has asked me to bow to that divine light in you, the light that you have kept lit all these years, passing that flame to countless others so that they too may have this divine light to lead them out of darkness.



Sun-jin nim had spoken earlier the same day to a crowd of ten thousand young people.

Thanks to True Mother's wisdom, the curriculum for the Aloha Workshop was based on these core essentials, knowing that these two phrases encapsulate everything we need to know.

All my fears and doubts about how to pass on True Parents' teachings to our young washed away. True Mother's guidance was simply perfect. We just had the Second Aloha Workshop, where the blessed children from all over the world learned love, gratitude and joy. They learned that we are one family under our Heavenly Parent. I taught these two principles through yoga at the Aloha Workshop. In yoga, we have an expression for this eternal gratitude and love, "namaste." It means "I bow to the divine light in you."

I am truly grateful to be here in

Japan. Meeting our brothers and sisters on this tour has been a source of tremendous love, wisdom, inspiration, healing and hope. I have always had great respect for the Japanese members. In many ways, I feel as if Japan is my home. Growing up, it was Japanese sisters, three onni-sans, who raised me in East Garden. When I think of how Japan has been like a mother all over the world with missionaries, with funding the worldwide providence, giving every part-mind, body, family and soulfor the sake of others, I am truly grateful to our mother nation, Japan.

On this trip, I had the honor of listening to some of your testimonies. I came to realize that your life stories are our worldwide family's great treasure. You, alongside our True Parents, have been writing with your lives of dedication, the pages of a restored and liberated history that has opened the way for all of us to live with true love and pure joy. To witness all the love and hard work you have poured out for the sake of humankind is a deep honor. I can feel your sincere hearts and love for our Heavenly Parent. You inspire us all to serve you in return. If we do not honor our parents and elders, we can never honor our descendants and not even our own selves. In a way, I feel that the elders of Japan understand the heart of True Mother more than the leaders of any other country. You understand responsibility and the role of a mother and being true parents to the world. Everything you do is for the sake of others. We thank you and we love you! Please let us help carry your burden and honor your memory in our hearts forever.

Attending my own mother, I am constantly impressed by her wisdom, her profound heart and her amazing strength. No matter the hardship, Mother always finds a solution through deep spiritual communion with True Father, and by dedicating herself day and night for the sake of God's will.

Now, True Mother is standing firmly on earth as the center of our movement. She is a living miracle. She has been getting stronger, faster and is likely to live longer. She has become the model of physical, mental and spiritual health, putting one foot in front of the other and leading the way with True Father. They are walking in unison. They stand together as the center, and as the seamless harmony and unity of the spiritual and earthly worlds.

Recently, True Mother held twentyone-day and forty-day workshops for members of the True Family and held a holy Blessing Ceremony in Korea for her two youngest daughters. We, as one True Family, stand united with True Parents and with all of you to uphold and honor your path and pave a brighter future of love, joy and peace for all of Heavenly Parent's creation.

During the recent Chuseok celebration, we offered our gratitude and remembrances to True Father. True Mother and the whole family sang under the harvest moon, which shined down with loving, gentle moonlit grace. We all felt True Father's love and energy beaming down illuminating the night sky, as his smiling face seemed to dance on the surface craters of the moon.

After the second anniversary of True Father's ascension, we felt all the hardships melt away as we were bathed in grace, pure joy, oneness and blessings. Even though the past year was devastating, we could feel a new day beginning, because of True Mother's resolve, leadership and divine light. We have all been reborn, revived and reunited as one family under Heavenly Parent and True Parents. It made me realize that with true love as our center, all things can be returned to Heavenly Parent. That is the legacy that you and our church represents-the restoration of humankind back to Heavenly Parent. Without True Parents' saving you, without you saving us, without us keeping the embers of light lit for our future generations, no salvation would be possible. This autumn, we felt the true harvest after all the hardships and sacrifice. Together we are writing a new page in our historical saga, one of liberation from indemnity and abundant blessings that surround us every moment that we are conscious. We are writing glorious new chapters about absolute gratitude and love through forgiveness and about true love and unity with all people and all things.

True Mother quotes True Father all the time, saying, "It is not an individual alone that goes to heaven; it must be the whole family that enters heaven together." This is so true. Could we ever imagine a heaven for ourselves without our loved ones? When True Mother says we need to be one family, which means all fourteen True Children, along with all the blessed True Family members and all living beings of the world. All together, we should be one. We are the branches of a tree stemming out of a single trunk. You all have grown from this trunk, which is secured by the deep roots our True Parents firmly embedded in this blessed ground. Nothing would be born if not for their seed, and the perfected union of our Father and Mother. That seed was Heavenly Parent's blessing and grace for the world, once veiled in darkness. For the first time in history, the leaves,

flowers and fruit of the next generation are flourishing in a world lit by all components of this living grace and divine light. So when we see this tree of new life in all its glory, we can see the years, the grooves and rings of wisdom, the age, endurance, and the miraculous growth that can bear pure fruit and pure seeds to sustain the world. No single component can live on its own; we are all part of this magnificent tree. We must be one; we must synergize to thrive. Similarly, all the foundations, leaders, members, blessed families, beautiful blessed children and the promising youth that we see today, are results of your sincerity, faith and dedication for Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and we must honor that legacy.

The past has been tumultuous. Some of you may have uncertainty in your hearts and minds today. My sincere hope, however, is that you can tap into your higher consciousness, your original mind, and see beyond all the clouds to who we truly are. You are and always will be true sons and daughters of True Parents.

As mother mentioned in the message today, we lose unity when we lose our center. God sent us True Parents so that we can experience and understand God's heart, and by that bond of heart, we can become one one True Family under Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

My dear respected elders, I would like to tell you, from the bottom of my heart, kamsahamnida and sarang hamnida.

You have carried the cross together with True Parents. You have sacrificed everything to love True Parents and carry on their will.

Mother asked me to bring her gift to you today. Please receive this as a token of her gratitude and love. Please continue to offer sincerity for God's providence, and as elders, please guide and raise the younger generations, starting from me, passing on the heart and traditions that you inherited from True Parents. Let us march forward together. Let us attend True Father and True Mother to the end and accomplish their dream together. *Sholi!* [Japanese for "victory"] 7

*Sun-jin nim is the director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters* 

# Peace through Unity

Sun-jin nim spoke to Japanese members on October 1 at the closing of the celebration of the fifty-fifth anniversary HSAUWC-Japan. This was her message that evening.

istinguished leaders from throughout Japan, ambassadors for peace, respected elders and members of our unification movement, ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of my mother, Dr. Hakja Han Moon, I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you. I cannot begin to convey the depth of my feelings of respect and gratitude to each one of you. Throughout this tour in Japan, I have met so many remarkable people who have given me great hope, encouragement and inspiration. The experience has been overwhelming.

Yet, when my mother asked me to represent her on this tour, I felt entirely inadequate, and I shared this with her. However, she did not hesitate to confidently ask me to go forward in faith, with a heart of gratitude, respect and appreciation for the Japanese people, especially, for the elders, leaders and brothers and sisters of our Japanese movement who have so often endured great difficulties and challenges in their efforts to build a world of universal and lasting peace.

Both my mother and my father have always had the greatest love and respect for the Japanese people and consider Japan to be Korea's closest ally and friend. While they fully understand the difficult history that has brought so much separation and division between our two peoples, they always believed that the power of love and the power of living for the sake of others could overcome any barrier.

And, while I have been to Japan so many times over the years, this tour has had a very special and significant impact on me personally. I felt that I came to know and appreciate the Japanese people and my Japanese brothers and sisters at a level that is much deeper and richer in comparison to what I had known and experienced before.

I believe this is due, in part, to the fact that I came here as the representative of True Mother. This heightened my awareness, and my spiritual antennae were opened in a way I had not experienced before. I also believe that my father's spirit was with me, throughout this tour, as he is always with my mother, even from his place in the spiritual world.

I also cannot say enough about my mother. This tour has awakened in me a deeper love and appreciation for my mother. I have come to a fuller understanding of the awesome responsibility that she carries on her shoulders since my father's passing. I have come to see more clearly what a truly remarkable woman my mother is. I see so clearly, even more than before, that she has been called and raised by our Heavenly Parent over many decades to lead our movement at this time.

I leave Japan with a feeling of great hope. I remain indebted to all of you for paving the way and opening the gates to a world of true and lasting peace for our children and our children's children, throughout the ages.

I firmly believe that the relationship between our two nations and our two peoples is absolutely crucial to God's providence and to world peace. My mother understands this very deeply and for this reason cherishes all of you.

Let us become the people who show the way of reconciliation, unity, cooperation and mutual prosperity. There is no challenge that we cannot overcome if we unite.

I leave you with the words that my mother asked me to convey from the bottom of her heart and from the bottom of my heart, "Thank you" and "I love you!" 7





# **Striving to Reach 430**

The following is a testimony by a couple in the Philippines that has reached the 430 couples asked of tribal messiahs. We all understand that not all the 430 families involved have reached full, mature commitment to True Parent's providential objectives, yet True Mother seems to feel that this is a starting point worthy of recognition and one we all ought to strive for.



**Foreground:** Tribal messiahs Francis Gomez Lopez and AnnaLiza Cocos Lopez blessed 430 couples, making them one of the first couples to achieve what True Parents have asked of us all.

ased on the direction True Parents gave in 2010 and 2011 for all blessed families to fulfil their mission as new tribal messiahs, our regional president strongly emphasized that all blessed members do tribal messiah-related work. In 2011, my husband and I committed to fulfilling that mission without reservation. My husband was teaching at the International Peace Leadership College and I was doing a public mission in Antipolo City every weekend, as well as running a small alkaline water business. At that time, I was earning money, but I had to set aside my business so we could focus on fulfilling our tribal messiah mission. I became very active in the mobilization for the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival that we held in Araneta Coliseum.

We have a small house in Antipolo City where my husband and I stay with our two daughters. When we saw that many blessed members are able to witness in Antipolo, we went to a location where few others wanted to go. With two couples from Marikina City, we formed a trinity. In the first team mobilization, we three tribal messiah couples were alone in our work. We had mobilized and were witnessing but lacked support until we were able to win the hearts of some local government officials and barangay captains in that area. (In the Philippines, a barangay is an administrative division of fifty to a hundred families.)

Every morning, our family did hoondokhae and prayer conditions in our home. We also raised funds for two hours daily so we could cover our transportation budget for commuting to our tribal area. Since our other tribal messiahs could not go every day to their areas, sometimes we went on their behalf and they supplied our transportation expense. My husband was working at the International Peace Leadership College then on weekends, so most of the time I was alone in our tribal area. I experienced many difficulties but the other tribal messiahs helped me. During weekends, my husband was with us and gave lectures.

#### **Practical conditions**

Most of the conditions we offered involved going out witnessing for two to three hours and doing house-tohouse follow-up for the couples that had attended the Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremonies in Smart Araneta Stadium in the city of Quezon and in Ynares Center in the city of Antipolo, east of Manila. Right after these Blessing Ceremonies, we did the ceremony to alleviate indemnity at the barangay hall or at the couples' houses. Since we did not have a center at that time, we sometimes slept at the houses of these recently blessed couples. In order to hold a heavenly Three-Day Ceremony, we found ways to clean these couples' houses, some of which were quite shabby, to make them spiritually more conducive for God's blessings through their ceremonial reunion as a blessed couple.

My husband and I never stopped doing outreach even if we experienced difficulties travelling every day to the tribal areas. Often our tribal area in Marikina City floods during typhoons and thunderstorms, so my husband and I and our team would always be there to help and to serve the families. Our determination never flagged and we received continuous inspiration from Regional President Yong and from National Leader Malicdem. Aside from the financial support from the headquarters, especially during mobilization, we also received financial support from another tribal messiah couple in our area, Stephen and Constance Gabb. Mr. and Mrs. Gabb were sources of added strength for us. Both of them were supportive spiritually and financially.

My husband usually is the one giving the lectures to groups; he went block by block doing so, while I served as the coordinator of the seminars. Our daughters oftentimes served as assistant coordinators (for multi-family Divine Principle presentations only).

Sometimes I could sense that the couples could not understand why they needed to do the Three-Day Ceremony. They may have done it only because of our constant prayer conditions, expressions of sincerity and efforts to serve them. Sometimes we helped clean their houses and bonded in a relationship with their families. Because of our having developed these relationships, they could follow our instructions and guidance. Some couples did the Three-Day Ceremony after being inspired by other couples that had already done it after taking part in a Blessing Ceremony, having their indemnity stick experience and completing the forty-day separation.

As I was monitoring them in their forty-day purification, several of them were invaded in the middle of their condition and therefore their separation period was extended many times. We followed up and even asked assistance from other couples who that finished Three-Day Ceremony and had became active in church activities. In fact, some of these newly blessed couples offered their houses as venues for the Three-Day Ceremony.

We conduct regular group hookdokhae in several areas in Marikina City and we participate in family occasions such as birthdays. We go house-to-house and offer prayers for families. We also encourage people to do hoondokhae. We give them photocopies of the One-Hour lecture Manual that is based on Exposition of Divine Principle. We also teach our traditions to the couples. To this day, we have an on-going educational custom with each family: We distributed copies of the Family Pledge. We translated the Family Pledge into Tagalog so that older couples can understand it better. During the forty-day separation, we formed a visitation team of the most dedicated blessed couples in our area and we held prayer conditions. Most husbands are oftentimes away from their homes because of work, so I focused on the wives as an initial condition.

In each block, we have separate schedules for hoondokhae and every week we provide people we are witnessing to with copies of True Parent's messages or some Bible verses for them to study. Many cannot regularly do hoondokhae in their houses because their children go to school early in the morning. Most of the families do hoondokhae at night just before sleeping.

Some couples became negative be-

cause of persecution from neighbors but my husband and I received everything positively and we work together to give comfort to those now antagonistic couples. We scheduled visits also for their love ones in the cemetery and offered prayers for their relatives in the spiritual world in order to elicit their assistance. Once, as we were doing our weekly visit, we passed to the burial plot of our former national leader, Rev. Rolando Basuil, Jr. There, we also offered prayers to ask for his assistance in our mission.

We did our best to connect the couples every time we have a joint Sunday service in the headquarters or during major meetings. However, because transportation is costly, we also conduct Sunday service in the local areas sometimes in the barangay hall.

The more couples that fulfill their Three-Day Ceremony, the more activities we have in the area and the more people we have to take care of. We face greater responsibilities but having barangay leaders in the area who are supportive of our activities has been a great blessing. Some of these leaders sometimes even invite my husband and me to pray at Monday flag raising ceremonies and at other barangay events.

#### The importance of civic leader support

We established good relationships with barangay officials and youth leaders in our tribal areas. Surprisingly, through even a short period of education, many of the couples in our tribe accepted our True Parents as the Messiah though they still could not deeply understand True Parents' hearts. That is why we continue to provide more education to them. Couples need more education on the Divine Principle and we have been doing it gradually without ceasing until now. We never stop offering prayer conditions and our hoondok reading condition. We also empower newly blessed couples by giving them responsibility to also witness. To help them carry True Parents in their hearts and become tribal messiahs in the future for us is now our most important task.

Our tribal leaders in Marikina city have many future activities for the education of new couples, especially as we had just finished the home group workshop. We intend to form teams in the area from all the couples that went through the Blessing Ceremony in Araneta Coliseum in 2013 and in Ynares Center and Quezon City in 2014. We scheduled home visitations and hoondokhae. We also opened a Tribal Messiah Center in central Marikina in September. In this newly opened center, we began holding Sunday services for the new blessed couples and at least once a month hold one in the church headquarters.

Our family lives simply. We are renting a small house, but God blesses us with supportive tribal messiahs like the Gabbs who supported us so we could open a big center where we can give more lectures and educate more couples. Our other tribal messiahs are trying to help us in many ways. Now, our determination is to help tribal messiahs in our area to reach their 430couple target too while gradually educating my own 430 couples.

Our motto in fulfilling the 430-couple goal was, "Every time we meet people, our only thought is to love, to uplift, to embrace, to invest and to educate them in the Divine Principle. As True Parents taught us, we have to become people that can attract others through our personality and character, who can transform and touch people's lives, and we need a revolution of heart in order to practice true love all the time."  $\not p$ 

Wife: AnnaLiza Cocos-Lopez Birthday: March 10, 1968 Spiritual Birthday: August 21, 1989 Position: Church Cluster Leader (Tribal Messiah), Marikina City Spiritual Parent: Mirna Ifurung Blessing: 2005 Background: Joined as a CARP member in Ilocos Norte, in the northeast corner of the island of Luzon Church Leader in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte (2004–2005)

Husband: Francis A. Lopez Birthday: June 16, 1971 Spiritual Birthday: April 4, 1992 Position: Church Cluster Leader (Tribal Messiah), Marikina City Spiritual Parent: Park Jung-hae (Julia Kim) Blessing: 2005 Background: A member gave him a flyer about the International Highway Project and invited him to attend a Divine Principle Workshop

### A Peace Blessing Ceremony for Legislators

ifteen members of the Malaysian Parlimen and their spouses, altogether twentyseven people, participated in a September 25 to October 3 Divine Principle workshop that culminated in a Peace Blessing Ceremony in Kona, Hawaii.

This program for Malaysian legislators has its roots in 2008, when a Malaysian woman legislator participated in an International Leadership Conference in Korea. While there, she learned about True Parents and their peace-centric ideal. This moved her, so she shared what she had learned with fourteen other legislators after returning to Malaysia. She explained about True Parents' foundation and their great sacrifices for the sake of peace. At that point, Rev. Yoo Jongyoung, Malaysia's Adamic national messiah, began guiding them personally, testifying about True Parents. This led to the legislators opening their hearts gradually and developing deeper interest in the movement.

Around twenty Malaysian legislators visited Korea in 2010 for True Parents' birthday celebration. Afterward, thirty legislators visited Japan in 2011 at Kook-jin nim's invitation, in order to learn about a series of human rights violations against our members that had occurred in Japan. Then sixty Malaysian legislators with some connection to our movement invited Kook-jin nim to Malaysia. Finally, Kook-jin nim invited around fifteen legislators to New York and Washington D.C. in 2011 as members of a human rights protection movement.

In a similar manner to how they reacted to True Parents' peace ideal, they gradually opened their hearts, and one by one felt some affinity for various aspects of our movement's work and underlying philosophy, while seeing first-hand the foundation True Parents have built, as exemplified by developments such as the *Washington Times* and YongPyong Resort.

One legislators testified, "Even after we learn to act upon Rev. Moon's peace ideals, we come back to Malaysia only to be divided by our political parties. Peace cannot be realized if this continues. Wouldn't it be nice if a new organization were founded for this purpose?" This resulted in an organization in Malaysia being created in April 2012. The registration with the government for this type of organization normally takes from three months to a year, but because its members were all legislators, it was registered the day after the application was submitted. Some members continue to serve in the Parlimen while others failed to retain their seats through elections, but they still work with this organization, and newly elected members joined the organization immediately. After a series of elections, twenty-two legislators trav-



Members of the Malaysian Parliamen and spouses attended a workshop in Hawaii. National Messiah Yoo and his wife (beside Dr. Walsh) were instrumental in arranging it.

eled to Korea in October 2013 to visit True Mother. True Mother was very happy to see them and told them to attend a Divine Principle workshop in Hawaii.

National Messiah Yoo and his wife and Mr. Yamada Yutaka, national leader of Malaysia, guided the participants to the Hawaii workshop. Rev. Kim Ki-hoon, regional president of the North American region was instrumental in the success of the workshop. Appreciation also goes to Rev. Yong Chung-sik, regional president of the Asian region.

The lectures covered the Principle of Creation, the Human Fall, the Principle of Restoration and the concept of the blessing. The participants asked many questions. They may not have been able to immediately and fully grasp all aspects of what those lectures contained. Yet, in light of True Parents' lives and the years they spent expending effort to educate others and disseminate the word, it is significant that leading figures of a nation studied the core tenets of True Parents' teachings.

On the final day, Dr. Walsh officiated a Blessing Ceremony for the legislators in the Hawaiian King Garden house. The participants drank holy juice and made a vow that they would love their spouses and start anew as families. It was a tense moment, but everything went smoothly as if True Father himself were there to officiate the ceremony. The whole event ended when each received an Ambassador for Peace Certificate. The purpose of True Parents' lives is giving the blessing and educating others. They displayed and fulfilled this purpose throughout their lives. It is now up to us to inherit and fulfill their work. Our heart of gratitude goes out to our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and all the members who are devoting their lives for the providence.76

# Happy Birthday Rev. Lee Yo-han

n September 27, around two hundred people came to celebrate the ninety-ninth birthday (by Korean reckoning) of Rev. Lee Yo-han. Joining his family members in the eighth floor auditorium of the church headquarters building were people to whom Rev. Lee had personally taught the Divine Principle. Luminaries on hand included Moon Yeon-ah, international president of WFWP (on behalf of the True Family), FFWPU-Korea President Ryu, UPF-Korea Chairman Yun, Tongil Foundation Chairman Cho, the recently retired elder Pak Bo-hi, early member Ms. Kang Hyeon-shil and Sun Moon University President Hwang.

The festivities began at ten o'clock on the morning of September 27. As a sign of respect for Rev. Lee, a formal atmosphere permeated the event. After bowing to True Parents, everyone sang the Republic of Korea national anthem. An elder prayed. A video covering Rev. Lee's life showed the significance of his contribution in the formative stage of our movement's history. The Korean church president spoke and the Tongil Foundation chairman gave congratulatory remarks.

Mrs. Kang Hyeon-shil, who pioneered Daegu with the Rev. Lee in the very early years of the church, testified. She had been a Christian missionary and Rev. Lee, a Presbyterian minister when they met True Father in Busan. Mrs. Kang told the audience, "I am truly happy to be celebrating Rev. Lee's ninety-ninth birthday. Father said that Rev. Lee had joined our church representing Christian pastors.... Rev. Lee worked hard in the early days, visiting every Christian spiritual church he could, as True Father had instructed. Despite many hardships in those days, Rev. Lee offered many conditions to bring joy to True Parents. He is a man of incredible faith."

Professor Choi Byeong-il, one of Rev. Lee's students, gave a short congratulatory speech. A singing trio per-



Choi Yeon-ah nim, Chung Dae-wha, Kang Hyeon-shil, Pak Bo-hi and Ryu Kyeong-seuk join Rev. Lee and his wife in celebrating his ninety-ninth birthday.

formed a song and Rev. Kim Jong-chul and his wife presented a bouquet of flowers to Rev. Lee. After cutting the birthday cake, President Hwang proposed a toast. Finally, everyone could sit down and enjoy a meal together.

Rev. Lee greeted everyone. He said, "I usually decline such engagements, but because True Mother particularly allowed it, I agreed to come. I always live by two standards. First, I try to live according to the Three Great Subject Partners Principle of the conscience and secondly, I always check that I am living a life that flows from my heart and mind. In this time of fruition, I have been shedding many tears, coming from a heart swelling with true love in my life. Recently, True Father appeared to me in a dream, telling me that I have worked hard. I will continue to lead a life that emerges from the heart through the Three Great Subject Partners Principle based on my conscience."

Rev. Lee Yo-han was born on 9.4 by the lunar calendar in 1916 in Seoncheon-gun, North Pyongan Province. When Rev. Lee was young, his family moved to Manchuria, where they eked out a living through great financial difficulties. In elementary school, he delivered newspapers. With the money he earned, he bought bread that was on display in a store and presented it to his father. This greatly moved his father, rendering him speechless. Wanting to see this again through True Father, he has continuously followed the path of filial piety. Just as had happened to his father,

who was overjoyed by just one loaf of bread, he has dedicated his entire life with the thought that God, the parent of humankind, will overjoyed with even a small act of love offered to him by human beings, his children.

In his memoirs, *A Life Guided through Heavenly Love* (Seonghwa Publications, 2012), he wrote, "This happened when I was in my mother's womb: One day, a monk passed by our house and after eyeing my mother's belly for some time, he said, 'The child in your womb can only fully live by meeting a great man; he cannot complete his lifespan alone.'" Rev. Lee reminisced, "Just as the monk said, I believe that I could live this long because I met True Parents and always lived on the frontline of God's providence."

An overview of Rev. Lee's mission history gives us a glimpse of the nature of the church in the early days, as members struggled to build a foundation and Father moved able leaders from place to place, much as a military commander ordered generals to various areas to try to make headway on different fronts. Rev. Lee began his worked in Daegu with Mrs. Kang and then held various positions in southern South Korea before holding a number of positions in and around the capital. In 2008, after more than fifty-five years attending True Parents, they instructed Rev. Lee to speak in Korea and foreign countries as a lecturer; toward this end, he has been conveying the word to members worldwide.76

# Church Growth and a Public **Battle in Taiwan**



The Taiwanese model for recruiting among students is the Chin-hsin Club, at the National Chin-Yi University of Technology.

fter the Vision 2020 Strategy Conference In August, we launched a 120-day witnessing competition as a condition. In response to True Mother's hope for witnessing to young people, in the first forty-day stage, we focused on university students, because the new semester begins in September.

Members of all types went to campuses to recruit students, especially freshman. Most of them went to university areas and used questionnaires to "break the ice," and then invited students to an introductory meeting, a volunteer activity, a home group or a workshop on restoring one family under God. If the campus had student clubs, we sometimes erected a stall to recruit students or volunteers.

#### A model for outreach to students

In Taiwan, the Taichung church has the best foundation for witnessing to students. Others use their model. They built a service-oriented club, the Chin-hsin Club, at the National Chin-Yi University of Technology (NCUT). During their introductory meeting for volunteers, the club introduces

FFWPU and explains the club's church background to new students. If they want to join the club and help carry out service projects, the Taichung church arranges associated activities for each new student three times a week.

We invite these students to attend Divine Principle lectures or to study one-on-one with a member. We encourage them to join our Youth Home Group, which is led by core studentmembers. They cook together, eat together and gradually become members of this Home Group. The Chin-hsin Club also conducts a weekly service project they can take part in.

In this way, they are able gradually to identify those that are interested in learning the Divine Principle or experiencing self-growth by attending a Happiness Workshop: One Family under God. After relatively long-term stable learning in the center, some of these students attend our Special Workshop for Inheriting God's Love, which is an avenue for experiencing God's heart, confessing their sins and being healed by the power of prayer.

Finally, staff members firmly encourage these new students to join a twenty-one-day or thirty-day training program during the winter or summer vacation.

The Taichung church leader, Mrs. Huang, says, "I appreciate that our twenty to thirty blessed wives can take action to support witnessing work. Some go to the campus to recruit students, some help to take care of others' children. Therefore, more than a hundred and fifty students joined our Introductory Meeting for Volunteers at NCUT in September."

During the forty-day witnessing condition this semester, we hosted three Happiness Workshops. The Taichung church also organized two Happiness Workshops for their sixty new students. Then they helped to organize a National Happiness Workshop that included other churches. Fourteen new guests came from the Taichung church and twenty-six from other churches, including students from China, Macau and Malaysia. A coach, playing the role of a parent or an older sibling, accompanies each new guest. We appreciate the assistance received from many blessed members as a coach or staff member. These students can experience being loved, being praised and being affirmed by staff members and coaches and even other participants in the lectures and experiential activities. We want all participants to have the feeling that we are one family and for the atmosphere and culture to touch their hearts.

The Yilan center also focuses on witnessing to university students, though they have not established a campus club. Nevertheless, this semester, they had sixteen new guests join their Introductory Meeting and they seemed transformed after attending the National Happiness Workshop. Though they are just new guests, they can actively respond and provide encouragement and inspiration to others.

#### Worship service guidance

Although the situation of every church is different, church leaders generally invest their hearts into inspiring members through their worship services. The Taichung church leader, Mrs. Huang, always encourages family members in her sermons. She said, "Our church development stalled a long time ago. When you were young, you sacrificed or gave up your life plan to follow True Parents on the way of God's will. Today, we see that the church is stagnant. Can you tolerate that? Our church must break through and grow through restoring young people!" The most important point is that as long as young people are joining the church and transforming it for the better, older members will revive and be more joyful.

When we do university witnessing, school security officers sometimes obstruct members from coming on campus. Some Christians obstructed our plans to establish clubs on some universities. Despite this, we still go forward and are determined to witness on campuses.

The forty-day witnessing since September has been an important starting point for the Taiwanese church. Two hundred and sixty people came for the first time to our Introductory Meeting and a hundred more joined a Happiness Workshop. This helps improve their connection to our church



and usually motivates them to learn the Divine Principle. We hope they can transform and be brought to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Our Yunlin church is small. It belongs to our middle region and is managed by a sub-leader, Mr. Chen. It has three active members now. From the new semester in September, the regional leader, Ms. Huang sent nine members from the Taichung church to support the Yunlin witnessing work. Perhaps as a result of the increased manpower, nine guests, university freshmen, come to Yunlin's Divine Principle Introductory Meeting. Three among them continued on to the Happiness Workshop, where they could more fully experience our church's vision. Under one fulltime staff member and a few blessed members with families, they actively hold many outreach activities in Yunlin. The have planned future projects-After-school Tutoring for Vulnerable Children, character education workshops and Divine Principle workshops. We wish for and have reasons to expect good results from these, even though it is currently a small, pioneering center.

#### Battling against same-sex marriage

Last year, the Taiwan Interreligious Confederation for Cherishing the Family (TICCF) formed as a coalition of Unificationists, Christians, Catholics, Buddhists, Taoists and other groups to fight against the Gay Movement in Taiwan, especially over the issue of a proposed law to legalize same-sex marriage.

On November 30, 2013, TICCF held a rally to oppose passage of the law. This rally, which was held across the street from the President's Office Building in Taipei, attracted three hundred thousand people. These people came to express their commitment to restricting legal marriage to couples—one man and one woman. Eventually, this law was blocked within the Legislative Yuan, Taiwan's parliament.

However, in October, another effort to legalize same-sex marriage was resubmitted by a woman legislator, Mrs. Yu. She wants to hold a public hearing to promote this issue. She has tried to gain recognition and support from society. Three hundred people met outside the Legislative Yuan to protest against this. Rev. Dai-Hsi Min, vice-president of the Unification Church guided this one-hour protest.

We are one in heart with Christians, other religious people and many parents in expressing our opposition to this proposal. In the crowd were many placards bearing slogans supportive of traditional marriage and opposed to same-sex unions. Many members of the media covered the event.

Peace Ambassador Chang, the secretary-general of TICCF, gave a speech to the Media Reporter. Our leaders, blessed members and peace ambassadors-on behalf of all participants-loudly spoke out. Other religious leaders highly praised our church and our members for leading the protest. Internet media outlets covered the demonstration well. Media reports are no longer overwhelmingly supportive of homosexuals. Nevertheless, the woman legislator, Mrs. Mei-Nu Yu, said that she will continue to push for passage of a same-sex marriage law, which we will continue to fight to prevent. 76



# **ESGD Summer Activities 2014**

The theme of the summer workshops for various age groups of second-generation European members this year was Let us be the ONE: to Practice, to Realize, to Carry On

his summer, the European Second Generation Department (ESGD) worked together with an international group of volunteers to staff our program of workshops—organizing, directing and providing care and education for second-generation members across Europe. We were joined by many brothers and sisters who created something of precious value to all involved-learning and growing together through the combined efforts of everyone, in an atmosphere where we could feel the love and support of God and True Parents.

Through the annual summer activities, we seek to provide different opportunities across a range of workshops, which bring together our unique European community and give us the precious opportunity to study the Principle together and experience the culture of heart. It is a tradition which has built many strong bonds and which has supported many brothers and sisters to take steps forward in their spiritual lives.

This summer we had a twentyone-day mobilization, a Football Workshop, Junior HARP Workshop, Senior HARP Workshop and the ODP+ Workshop. Altogether, they brought together approximately two hundred and fifty participants and staff members from twenty-five different nations between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five across sites in France, Slovakia, Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.

This article is meant just to give a taste of the experiences across the different workshops, through a brief overview, some short excerpts from participants' reflections, and photographs that capture some of the faces and moments from this summer.

Each year we have a motto across the activities; this gives us an internal focus for our workshops. We use it to connect us to True Parents vision, while giving us space to express our creativity through shaping a unique meaning of the motto on each work-



**Above:** Summer workshops for members of our second generation in Europe allows for bonding and refreshing the soul. **Right side:** Young adults at the Original Divine Personality workshop know it will be rigorous. Here, they

shop. This year's motto was Let us be the ONE: To Practice/To Realize/To Carry On

do pushups in a creek.

With this motto, we wanted to directly connect and refer to the motto for this year onward until 2020: "Let us become true owners of Cheon II Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!"

We wanted to reinterpret this motto to make it personal—but also to emphasize the importance of practicing true love, substantially realizing the ideal in our environment, and carrying on God's lineage from our parents and True Parents, despite difficulties and challenges that might confront us. This motto combined our individual and collective responsibilities and could give us personal insights and inspiration.

Each workshop targeted different age groups with different programs. The Junior HARP (for fourteen to sixteen year olds) and Senior HARP (for sixteen to eighteen year olds) workshops target members in high school, to provide relatable spiritual material—practical application of the Divine Principle, and guidance and support for maintaining a pure lifestyle. We see this as planting the seeds for future blessing preparation while creating and nurturing true friendships that can support this important journey. Through all aspects of the workshop—lectures, team challenges, discussions, creative projects and worshipping together in song and prayer, we could build an atmosphere that was energetic and joyful but also a serious, sincere and supportive.

The Football Workshop gave brothers an opportunity to play sports together in a healthy team spirit. Sport supports the development of self-control, mind and body unity, communication and teamwork. All of these are essential habits for our spiritual growth. Through training and competitive match practice, as well as internal guidance and team activities, the goal was not only to develop their football skills, but also their inner character, values and ethics. We wanted to give them a vision of hope for the future of this world, and the



confidence and tools so that they can have a positive impact in their families, schools, workplaces, communities and society—as well as any sports teams they may be part of.

The twenty-one-day mobilization gave participants the chance to experience service projects, fund raising and Ocean Challenge (fishing on the sea). When we consider the educational possibilities of these different components, we can also see the value that True Parents placed on those experiences. Journeying across Europe for three weeks gave us more time to open up and grow closer together—and the chance to seriously reflect, have a change of heart, and realign our compasses.

The ODP+ workshop is filled with intense physical and spiritual challenges. Participants are challenged to push themselves out of their comfort zones and receive support and guidance to take steps forward in their spiritual life. It is open to anyone eighteen years and older, from high school students, university students



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or those who are now in full-time employment.

It provides the opportunity to be in a completely different environment from day-to-day life—to give the change of scene needed to gain a new perspective. Lecture topics included Original Divine Principle content and focused internal guidance relevant for living a genuine spiritual life. ODP+ stands for Original Divine Personality + more, so through the education and experiences together we worked to become closer to our true selves and to gain a clearer sense of the way of life that each of us should pursue to be truly happy.

Despite the different ages and schedules, common across all the workshops is the culture that we want to create. A culture of purity and true brother–sister relationships, a family atmosphere that can give us a taste of Cheon II Guk and of how we can live our lives if we choose to.

Also, we experienced two workshops in the newly renovated Camberg center, a historic workshop center in Germany. Camberg also benefitted from financial support from True Mother to help fulfil its role as an education center for Europe. We have held summer workshops there for many years, but we were definitely grateful for the precious environment that has been further developed and beautified. The holy ground and the natural surroundings provide an environment of freedom and peace to which we want to return.

We drew inspiration from what True Mother said recently, which we included on each graduation certificate: "Those in the second generation are the precious existences who are the first outcome of Heaven in the six thousand years of providential history.... Be able to embrace people around you by creating a suitable environment, and become a model family to the young people in society."

Through these collective experiences, we could understand that our identity is rooted in True Parents, and through our deep bonds, we could experience the fruits of the blessing. It



Older high school students do hoondokhae
ESGD, HARP and Youth Leader Patrick Hanna
The workshops organizers create a fun environment.

**4** The older high school student group

was a substantial, tangible experience, for which we are grateful. We want to thank all the parents and communities for supporting their children to attend, and all the lecturers and parents who supported each workshop directly. Also, we want to thank all the staff members and participants for their sincere efforts and unique contributions, which created each environment and all the unforgettable moments!

#### **Excerpts from written reflections**

(Junior Workshop): "During this workshop I learned that I can overcome even my strongest fears, if only I involve God in my life. I also learned that there is a huge way to go through that is waiting for me. I have realized many important things, especially about purity and the kind of lifestyle I am leading right now. But I don't feel heavy, about it. Now I just see a clear path, which I want to follow. Even though it might be hard, I can see that it's really worth it."

"I think that my most precious mo-



ments were when I made new friendships with people from all around Europe. I also found that bonding with my team was precious, as we were all becoming more unified."

"I learned that unity is more important and achievable than I expected. And that purity is related to everything; it's not only about being "pure" but also thinking of the sake of others, always."

(ODP+) "The most important thing I could learn about myself was that I have the capacity to love unconditionally. This was the first time in my life I felt that I was loving unconditionally, without needing any credit or anything, I was just okay with loving others and seeing people happy."

"I discovered that True Parents are my identity as a member of the second generation. I am a by-product of my parents' wishes to make this world a better place. My role is to take responsibility for who I am and quit mucking around with my conflicting interests."

"I learnt that I'm physically quite strong when I have the right mind-set."

#### Senior workshop

"I learned that God can really be experienced and felt when our standard is crystal clear and we understand why that is. Our conscience is awesome, always helping us to get on the right track, always helping us to see what the best and most pure thing is to do."

"Being on this workshop, to me, is somehow like being in the heavenly kingdom, Cheon II Guk. It makes me absolutely believe in what Jesus said once, that the heavenly kingdom starts between us, and not in a random place."

"What the motto means to me is that you have to become a person who practices true love, who realizes what a true life should be and what to do to achieve such a life and to carry on."  $\tilde{\phi}$ 

## Books to Broaden the Minds of African Youth

**By Jacques Marion** 



n August 2, 2014, a thirtycubic meter container departed from France toward the port of Pointe Noire, in the Republic of Congo. It was full, carrying 820 cartons (seventeen tons) of books, the result of a three-month collection campaign that UPF organized in France in collaboration with WFWP and a few organizations run by our African peace ambassadors. The books are destined to establish a "peace library," or several libraries located in various schools, in Brazzaville, the capital of the Republic of Congo.

Rev. Park Shang-seon, the special envoy to the Republic of Congo, initiated the project in the spring of 2014. Concerned to see that so few books were available to young blessed children in his country, he realized that the country had hardly any public libraries that could serve the young people as they grew up. Getting support from well-established Congolese peace ambassadors who could help organize a location for a library, Rev. Park approached the FFWPU International Headquarters to ask whether they could mobilize the French movement to send books to the Congo. Seeing an opportunity for Europe to serve Africa, particularly an African strategic nation (the Republic of Congo is one of five strategic nations in Africa), the international headquarters agreed to support the project. The French movement would collect the books and the international headquarters would support the cost of sending a container to the Congo.

Rev. Park came to France, met with the European leader Rev. An, who asked Jean-François Moulinet, the French national leader, to begin research on the project. The Permanent Delegate of Congo at UNESCO, Ambassador Adoua, a UPF contact, was approached. He warmly supported the project and agreed to have the name of the delegation he heads at the top of our group of associations on the letter calling for books. In April, as I was receiving a new mission in France with UPF, I was asked to supervise the project.

Our goal was thus to fill a container with used books in the French language of all kinds—for children, adolescents and adults—with a focus on educational books for students and young people. We had about three months to carry out the project.

We began mobilizing peace ambassadors and members in France in early May. Quite a few members took the project to heart and began going door to door asking people for used books. After a month, despite members' enthusiasm, we realized that it would take more than individual door-to-door work to fill a whole container!

In June, we launched a more agressive and better-organized campaign targeting publishing houses, bookstores, libraries and especially schools. At the end of the school year, many schools renew their educational material and put old books in storage, sometimes for years. Sometimes they even throw old books away. A few members began visiting schools systematically. Within a few weeks, we managed to collect enough books to fill up the container.

By mid-July, we had collected over 35,000 books of all kinds. Almost all were used books and some were old but they still contained valuable information. Some were new. Publishing houses or bookstores had donated them. Schoolbooks, making up less than half the total volume, stood out as valuable educational materials.

Our African peace ambassadors confirmed that young people in the Congo would appreciate every book, whether on general knowledge or school material. One Congolese man confirmed this in a moving way. Working in a school we visited that donated hundreds of books, this man reflected about our project. "When I was growing up in Congo thirty years ago, if I had all these books I would be a Nobel Prize winner today," he joked. "We had so few books available in those days that if we heard a friend had a book in another village, we would not hesitate to walk twenty miles to get the book, copy it, and walk twenty miles back to return it .... Today I see many young people in this school (in France). So many books are available to them but they don't even read them. It is painful!"

In order to help the project in Congo, we purchased special software to register each book that we collected. We had volunteers mobilized daily for about two months in the basement of the French headquarters, where we brought all the books, registered and packed them. We then took the boxes to a nearby storage area we had rented. Several members or our second generation, on vacation, came to volunteer and invested a lot of energy in registering, packing and especially carrying the heavy boxes to the storage. Hyo-jin nim's son Shin-chul nim, who had come to France to prac-



Happiness arises when helping others.

tice his French, had the chance to participate for a day in the project.

The project helped us as UPF to make new contacts in France. The project interested several donors that are willing to donate more books next year.

Together with a Congolese peace ambassador helping to supervise the project in Congo, Mrs. Rosalie Kama-Niamayoua (a former minister of education), we were able to meet an official at the Bibliothèque François Mitterand (France's national library), who inquired about our project and gave us advice on establishing libraries in Africa.

We found associations that specialize in collecting used books and sending them abroad. One of them, Le Bouquin Volant, has collected and sent over 860,000 books to Frenchspeaking nations, mostly to Africa, in its ten years of existence. They donated four thousand books to our project and would have donated more if we had a larger container.

We also met, in the process of visiting schools, a group of Congolese expatriates living in France that had set up an association, called ADELIA, to support their country by sending books and educational material for young people. They confirmed the great value of this book project. We gave them some space in the container to send used computers and books to their own project in one region of Congo.

All together, the experience shows that the project will benefit the Congo on the one hand, and our UPF work here in France on the other, by setting up a concrete project, combining both service and education that is attracting respect from all sides. We would like to make it an ongoing UPF project in France and send more books, not only to the Congo, but to other African nations as well.

#### A note from Park Shang-seon

Members told me they had no libraries to borrow books from and that bookstores usually sold newspapers or magazines and did not sell books for children. I asked how people obtained books they wanted their children to read. By ordering a books from France through the internet was the answer I got. After hearing this, my heart felt very heavy.

The concept of making a library did not come up from the beginning. I simply thought of bringing some books from France. At an event in Korea, I approached the French national leader. I asked if he could collect books in France. He told me he could try, but that they would not be able to cover the shipping fees to Congo. I told him not to worry about the shipping fees. He promised to collect books. This was how it began.

A second-generation member, a businessman, told me that shipping by container from France was not expensive. I persuaded the French national leader to collect fifty thousand books to send from France. Regarding the shipping costs and expenses that arose in the process of collecting these books, the FFWPU International Headquarters, fortunately, readily accepted to provide the necessary aid, enabling the project to be completed. 75

## The 2014–2015 Year Begins for Generation Peace Academy

**By Roland Platt** 



nder the guidance of Rev. Kim Ki-hoon, our regional president, and Rev. Michael Balcomb, our national leader, Generation Peace Academy is the training program in the United States for graduating high school students. Students come from all parts of the United States to embark on a yearlong journey to find and strengthen their faith, develop their character and prepare themselves to live meaningful lives. GPA is dedicated to educating members of our next generation so that they can inherit and carrying on our True Parents' traditions and practices and lead others toward lives of dedication and service.

On October 1, ninety members our second generation completed GPA's twenty-one-day Kickoff Orientation Workshop. The Unification Theological Seminary served as our workshop site; there, education, team-building challenges, physical endurance training and bonding activities to coalesce as a group took place among the workshop participants.

The program works closely with the American headquarters team to provide the best education and training for those in our second generation and other young Unificationists. In the first week of the workshop, Regional President Kim inspired us with his visit and addressed the group. He emphasized how the challenges and struggles of his own two years of pioneering, when he was of a similar age to that of our participants, made him the man that he is today.

Throughout the workshop, the young people learned about the different activities that they will engage themselves in and had ample opportunity to reflect on their purpose, clarify their goals and solidify their intent to make the most of their year.

From now through December, they will be investing themselves in raising funds, which provides them with a spiritual foundation and financial resources for the year. GPA helps young adults to find a principled direction and to practice public-mindedness. GPA emphasizes the importance of making a positive impression on the world. With that goal in mind, one of the most effective ways to prompt internal growth in participants is through fund raising. The act of fund raising can foster virtues such as perseverance, patience and forgiveness.

#### Winter break and its aftermath

Participants go home for Christmas and the New Year holiday. Our winter break is the first time that the young people see their families in months. Often their experiences in the program have already made it possible for them to empathize with their parents' situations more fully than in the past and they experience a deeper bond with them.

They return to the program in January and go through a seven-day Divine Principle lecturer-training workshop. Their experiences over the first months of the program deepen their hearts and they can gain profound insights into the Principle. One participant, Jinil Fleischman, wrote, "God always gave his unconditional love to me, hoping that I would open my heart enough to receive it, but I have usually been too caught up in my own perspective to sense it. Teaching the Divine Principle gave me answers to a problem that has been on my mind for over a year, and I am so grateful to have had the experience of seeing Principle work in this way."

One more opportunity for a life changing experience is through our Overseas Research Projects. We travel to developing countries for twentyone days to serve people in need and to gain a greater sense of gratitude for the blessings we have been given.

A typical project would be helping to build an orphanage, a school or a community center and investing into the children there. Some of the countries that GPA has served in the past are the Dominican Republic, Panama, Peru, Trinidad, Argentina, Thailand and the Philippines. We have visited some countries now for five or six years in a row, building strong relationships, making a difference and leaving a durable impression.

#### **GPA** alumni reconnect

One of the highlights in the spring is the Family and Alumni Gathering, which takes place in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. It is an opportunity for entire families to revive and become inspired. We welcome graduates of the past fourteen years of Special Task Force (STF) and GPA.

Community outreach is the next step of their journey, when GPA participants spend time in various Unification Church communities to gain skills in ministry and to engage in witnessing activities. This is designed to stimulate the local church communities with youthful energy and spirit but also to prepare participants to have a successful transition after the program, helping them develop the skills to inspire and empower others.

Having learned much throughout the year about True Parents' course, our participants take time to gain a more intimate experience by visiting historical church landmarks on the East Coast. This pilgrimage takes them to East Garden and Belvedere, the New Yorker Hotel and Manhattan Center, the Washington Times Corporation, the Washington Monument and other places. At each destination, they can hear directly from members who had first-hand experiences with True Parents. These early members share personal memories of their time with True Parents.

Following the pilgrimage, participants can choose what we call a "specialized ministry," which could be studying Unification Thought, developing their relationship with God within creation through adventure training, discovering the joy of domestic service by serving underprivileged people in New York City...

Nathan Bratcher wrote of his experience, "Immersing myself in nature helped me have a much more meaningful appreciation and connection to creation. I have now come much closer to understanding how great this gift of life on earth is and how God created it for us."

Finally, we all meet for our conclusion workshop, which is designed to help all the participants claim the vic-



tories of the year and to help them successfully reintegrate themselves into the communities they came from. A beautiful and moving graduation ceremony, attended by families and friends, marks the official end of the year. The majority of the participants go on to college, becoming involved with CARP. Some will become staff member in local youth groups or take active roles in their church community.

A certain number stay on for another year, feeling called to develop their leadership skills. These brothers and sisters go through intensive training in order to become team leaders in their second year. Out of those, a handful will go on to do a third year and work closely with the staff to develop and create the program. Leading teams of members that raise funds causes their hearts to grow-as illustrated by a testimony from a secondyear participant, Emiko Cunningham:

The biggest realization and gift from our Heavenly Parent that I received this week has a lot to do with True Father. True Father has always been a symbol of strength to me, a spiritual giant that could take on anything and that was invincible. Yet, what I began to realize this week is that True Father was a human being just like you and me. The only difference between him and me is that he loved God with a passion so great it occupied his heart and controlled his life. The more he could understand God's heart, understand that this world is in anguish and take on more responsibility, the heavier his heart would become and the more heartbreak and hurt he would be faced with, because that is how our Heavenly Parent feels. Actually,

this great man deserves the most sympathy and comfort, more than anyone else. True Father gave repeatedly without ever expecting to receive anything.

So how did this realization shape my week? I began to understand more deeply that because True Father was insanely desperate for God and tried repeatedly to restore the world, I could be here. Everything I hold precious in my life came because True Father could make himself the smallest priority and put me as his number one priority—above his family, above his comfort, above himself. How could I not try to imitate the desperation True Father had? How could I not try to dedicate the next two weeks of my life to the man who gave me everything? Instead of thinking that True Father is the superhero in my life, I began to shift my mindset. I need to comfort True Father. I need to understand his life and tap into his passion. I began to see my team members in a different light. As much as True Father invested into me, he invested into them. As much as my parents love me, their parents love them. Actually, these members are the most precious people in my life, and all I wanted to do was take care of them for True Father, to love them as he would, for God.

We are deeply grateful to True Mother who is the source of our inspiration and leadership, and we will continue to offer our support in any way that we can. 76

Mr. Platt, who was born in the Channel Islands in the United Kingdom, joined the church in 1992.

# The Practical and Spiritual Benefits of Health Service

By Daisy Salas Peña



e can trace the origin of the idea to establish a volunteer health service project to benefit Costa Ricans to the 2002 arrival of Dr. Woo Kwan-young to the country. He came at the invitation of the then FFWPU regional president, Kim Jung-soo. Dr. Woo graduated in Acupuncture Studies from the Chinese Medicine Department of Beijing University. He majored in body modulating functions and was a researcher at a gene engineering research institute. He also

studied natural treatment medical science at Sam-Yuk University in Seoul. Dr. Woo has dedicated the last twelve years to providing volunteer health service to Costa Ricans.

In 2013, we opened a health care center using Dr. Woo's methods. Dr. Woo's theory explains that most diseases result from organs functioning abnormally or from organ damage. He finds that symptoms occur because of disturbance within internal organs. He cures what ails the organ as he eliminates the symptom. He

cares for his patients using various methods, such as low-frequency therapy, acupuncture, massage (vibrating the organs), breathing therapy, exercising therapy or diet therapy. These methods help the patients' internal organs function normally again. Dr. Woo also boils medicinal herbs, which have been naturally raised and harvested. He provides for patients different herbs depending on their symptoms. When Father visited the country to help launch UPF, he instructed Dr. Woo to research herbs used in Central America and South America to find ones that can benefit human health.

Dr. Woo has been appointed to the position of Medical Mission Department, which was created to expand his activity to also include our Central America Region. Dr. Woo promised to serve Heavenly Parent and True Parents and set specific goals to increase membership and to educate people in the Cheon il Guk lifestyle. Recently Mr. Lee Myung-ho, one of the Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries began to work with the project. Mr. Lee works with Dr. Woo to bring good results. They focused on the concept of health care. In May this year, they established the Volunteer Social Service Group for the region with Dr. Woo as director in charge. Thus was the beginning of the project that now includes Central America and Caribbean.

#### Health and witnessing

We provide voluntary health treatment in our communities and invite guest from home groups to receive treatment. When the guests receive therapy and other treatment, they need to make a voluntary donation. Mr. Lee Myung-ho has an office in which he provides treatment to patients. He utilizes energy therapy, and energy laser acupuncture combined with physical therapy. He has focused on integrating witnessing into his health service.

Dr. Woo believes that many new patients are coming to be treated because they unconsciously are eager to receive true love through learning Divine Principle and to receive the blessing through the Messiah, which is the only means to remove fallen nature. He believes their ancestors are helping them to meet and come to know True Parents. Thus, not only is treatment being provided but also True Parents' teachings. Some patients are so impressed that they want to become members. Dr. Woo says that not he but Heavenly Parent and True Parents are caring for all patients. This is why their health is continually improving.

Using one room, which has the capacity to hold eight patients at a time, and is on the second floor of our national headquarters building, he is trying different methods of treatment, diagnosis and prescription. When the treatments begin, the patients lie down for an hour. During that time, Dr. Woo turns on the television. The patients watch Divine Principle lectures through our channel, Telepaz. Dr. Woo's health theories are also highlighted on Telepaz. To all patients, at the end of their treatment, he recommends that they read Divine Principle with one of our members. Our hope lies in each patient being able to become home group members. We desire that their hearts are touched, so that eventually, with true love, they can become FFWPU members. Some patients buy our church books containing True Parents' teachings and do bowing conditions.

Helen (who recently joined our church) invests great effort into encouraging others to read True Parents' speeches and Divine Principle and to helping Dr. Woo. Helen is the very helpful and serves voluntarily. All the patients cooperate and do volunteer work, such as arranging the beds and taking care of the rooms, to create a warm, healing environment. Many patients buy necessary materials such as alcohol and cotton swabs. One carpenter made a table. Some patients in the printing business made home-church flags for our Peace Bicycle Parade.

There are two purposes in giving medical service: To help improve patients health physically and to improve their spiritual health by their learning Divine Principle and participating in our church movement, so that they learn to share love within a lifestyle of living for the sake of others. This free medical service mission is a good way to make relationships between the people and the church.

For his years of helping thousands of people, the Costa Rican government recognized Dr. Woo by presenting him with an award in 2012. According to Dr. Woo's wife, True Parents were very happy about this news.

### **Finding allies**

In coordination with Braulio Carrillo High School (teachers, the board of education and parents), and the Christian Association for the Physically Challenged in Oreamuno, Cartago, we began regular health care service there on May 26.

Rev. Lim Jae-hyun originally arranged for this project to happen. He is currently the president of FFWPU-Costa Rica. Every Wednesday, four FFWPU members and a member of the community care for between eighty and a hundred and twenty patients there. The local community benefits from better health and our movement benefits from a change in how the community perceives our movement.

#### Social service in town halls

Rev. Kim San-suek, regional president for Central American and the Caribbean, promoted our social service campaign in different town halls. He met with various government representatives from the Guadalupe, Goigoechea City Hall in San José. As a result, they established a concrete alliance to provide social service to the population in the area. The main objective of this initiative is to create specific clinics administered by municipalities nationwide. Each clinic would have specialists assigned by the corresponding local governments and volunteers from FFWPU. We can treat twenty people at a time in each municipal building in this program.

Rev. Kim plans to develop this initiative with representatives in Costa Rica's national government as a means to strengthen the impact of the program and further raise the public's estimation of FFWPU's value in the country and to develop a healthier society.

Other health-related volunteer projects will take place, sponsored by UPF and the WFWP, in order to increase altruism in society and to advocate developing a heart of service for others' benefit. In order to achieve this, we would need to form a highly educated group of health professionals that is willing to volunteer in the field.

#### Supporting home groups

The desire to achieve our vision of success through home groups in our country drives our social health service. On September 20, we started conducting this health service within home groups in Costa Rica. I am responsible for the coordination of education and home groups; in that capacity, I initiated this. The aim is to create a bridge between the health service and the social vision of home groups. Every home group that voluntarily opts to incorporate the health service as a means of witnessing through serving families and communities can do so.

This initiative is now a pilot program with three groups—Original Mind, Light of the East, and Fountain of Love. The goal is to extend this to all groups in the country. Missionary Lee will conduct a workshop on the art and methodology involved in implementing the health service program in order to respond to the demands coming from home groups.

I firmly believe this is a great way to love the members of FFWPU, who faithfully believe in True Parents, but so far do not have the best environment in which to live and to feel Heavenly Parent's true love. I think it's a form of love to all those who have not felt it; it is a way that serves our extended family and easily opens the hearts of the neighbors, who may feel the substantial love of God through a willing heart to serve. To

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# The Holy Scripture of Cheon II Guk in Spanish



he ongoing translation into Spanish of the Holy Scriptures of Cheon II Guk has required sincere investment and prayerful effort. Shortly after True Father's ascension, True Mother said that just as Christianity had evangelized the world with one book, the Bible, we also must (if possible) do it with one or only a few books that bring the word and God's will for this era to the world.

In fact, the new compilation of the Holy Scripture of Cheon II Guk should be the main material with which to work and successfully achieve the goals of Vision 2020. Thus, True Mother promised God that she would complete these scriptural texts as soon as possible.

The Korean version was published within a short time, but having a faithful version of the scriptures in English is a decisive factor for the translation into some of the other languages. Although the English version took longer than True Mother had expected, elder members with much experience in translating transcripts of Father's spoken words and speech texts, as well as some professors from our Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) who are experienced in editing his teachings, worked on this translation and the final proofreading. The result is a faithful and reliable rendering of the original language, on which the Spanish translation is based.

On February 22, True Mother summoned to the Cheon Jeong Gung those involved in the project of translating the scriptures. On that occasion, in addition to instructing that the translation into Spanish of Cheon Seong Gyeong and Pyeong Hwa Gyeong begin, Mother instructed those on hand to keep the international Unification community updated with news and messages from True Parents in near real time, with images captioned in various languages. That marked the birth of the Weekly Update video and True Peace magazine, both of which PeaceTv produces in Korean, Japanese, Spanish, English and French and make available through their website or mobile phones.

The full translation of the Holy Scripture of Cheon II Guk into Spanish began on March 1, with a team comprising an editor, Ricardo Gómez, from our center in Mar del Plata, Argentina; and four translators working with the English version— Yamila Gómez, Rosi Giuliano, Paola Sabini and Elizabeth Giuliano. Mr Raúl Rey and Vanessa Solsol also contributed for a brief period to the translation.

These members left jobs and any other activities they were involved in to commit themselves exclusively to this work. The translators had a goal of putting into their native language seven to ten English pages. The editor had to go through twenty-two pages a day on average, in order to finish the initial translation of Cheon Seong Gyeong in Spanish within three months, as planned, and as promised to True Mother. By late May, they had achieved the goal. Shortly afterward, the same team began the translation and editing of Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, a task that ended in late September.

Kim Seog-byeong, the president of the Scripture Compilation Committee decided that at least three people with sufficient knowledge of the Divine Principle and True Parents' teachings should come to Korea from Latin America and read the whole of the text together, discuss areas that are unclear and make any necessary revisions in the Spanish version of Cheon Seong Gyeong. President Kim based this on his experience at bringing the Korean language version to finished form. He wanted to avoid the personal perspective of the editor being the only viewpoint reflected in final changes when editing such valuable text.

So it was that Ricardo Gómez (Argentina), Alejandro Fayad (Colombia), and Mario Salinas (Honduras) arrived in Seoul on the last day of September to begin, from October 1, reading the final review of the two translated Spanish volumes. In this, they are assisted by Panamanian professor Argelia Ortiz. This is a task that will be completed by the end of November and will permit us to offer the printed versions to our Heavenly Parreward by Heaven. Added to that effort is the work of final editing that we are doing in Korea. What True Parents have said they expressed in a language very different from Spanish, which is why the work of final correction was been very difficult. Sometimes, each individual of the correction team has had a different



ent and True Parents by Foundation Day next year. As for the compilation of the third book, *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, it is almost complete in the Korean language and probably will be translated into Spanish within a year. Some reflections on the experiences dealing with these holy texts follow:

### Ricardo Gómez (Argentinean editor, writer and church leader in Mar del Plata,)

My being asked to join the team to work with the Holy Scriptures presented me with a paradox. On the one hand, my inevitable reaction was a feeling that it was a huge blessing to do this work; on the other hand, it seemed reckless of me to become involved in deciding on word choices when it came to True Parents' teachings.

The team has given its best effort to make the presentation of these sacred books in Spanish worthy in True Parents' eyes. I witnessed the countless hours that the translators spent laboring in order to deliver the work on time; these efforts will surely be idea about what word to use. We have spent twelve hours a day on this project, which is why we hope that the effort is fully reflected in the outcome and that these words will inspire the entire Spanish speaking community.

# Alejandro Fayad Betancourt (Colombian National Leader)

Through the time of my life following True Parents and studying the Divine Principle, I have always believed in the ability of the teachings of True Parents to solve the world's problems. Through this time of collaborating on *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, that feeling is now deeper. Our work each day is intense, but because we are reading for more than eight hours per day, comfort comes from reading what Father said and finding such strength for the benefit of our peoples. When reading we encounter great challenges. We find words that even in Korean are difficult to understand but which we must render into Spanish, or words that do not exist in our language or phrases that arose spontaneously, so

despite True Father's clarity, they are very difficult to understand. Similarly, despite the inspiration that comes from reading what Father said, it is still exhausting read for so long. We hope this small contribution helps the growth of our entire community. We deeply appreciate the True Mother, through her efforts for the sake of the world, as given the Latin community greater access to True Parents' teachings and in a more agile and dynamic form.

### Mario Salinas (National Leader of Honduras)

This project is another act of the True Parents coming close to their children. In this sense, we feel a sense of responsibility toward our work and that this effort will provide the best means to read, study, understand and analyze sincerely the words of True Parents in fulfilling the providential expectations of our time and the dream of founding a culture of heart.

# Professor Ortiz Argelia (Republic of Panama)

The introduction to the *Exposition of Divine Principle* says, "We believe and hope that when the time is ripe, more profound portions of the truth will be published." When I received the call to work on the final revisions of *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, I felt privileged to be part of the history of the love of God for his children, and that he is a faithful God, so we can trust him with our soul, life and heart. True Father said that for God, we have to be very serious; so I determined to be very serious, when accepting this responsibility.

As I read the valuable material in this book, I feel my life takes on more value and I can appreciate the great love God has for us. I can see everything, even the most difficult days of my life, with great appreciation, and as instruction for me, because God is always helping us grow to become true sons or daughters. This he craved from the beginning. Now, we know clearly how we should be with our Heavenly Parent in order to bring joy to His heart. The light came to us. Now we can say and understand that "a new sun and a new earth has begun." I feel eternal love and gratitude.76

# **Spotlight on a Spiritual Paradise**

Based on material from Rev. Sano Michihito



Mr. Tom Waes (in the black T-shirt) being filmed at Farm Leda for a travel documentary on Paraguay.

n August 1, 1999, Father assigned a group of Japanese national messiahs to create an ideal city near Puerto Leda, Paraguay, an extreme wilderness unreachable except by small plane or boat. As a mark of how much the national messiahs have achieved there, Farm Leda, as their community is known, has been receiving attention from the wider world recently. In February 2013, a freelance journalist, Mr. Monte Reel, an erstwhile correspondent for the Washington Post, covering South America, traveled by cargo boat to Leda to "see what twelve years of dedicated labor in pursuit of earthly perfection looks like."

In September, mail arrived at Farm Leda requesting that a film crew from Belgium be allowed to visit, film the facilities and the surrounding natural world. It came from a video editor working with "Reizen Waes," a documentary series in which an adventurous traveler goes to exotic locations around the globe. Reizen is Dutch for "voyage," and Waes is the surname of the host, Tom Waes.

The advance man wrote to ask the national messiah questions such as:

- If Tom comes to visit Puerto Leda, what would you like to show him?

- I have read that you have a swimming pool, is this correct? Is it a public swimming pool? Would it be possible for Tom to have a swim?

- Are there any activities that Tom can take part in? I have read that you have a fish farm, for example.

- When did you decide to move to Puerto Leda? Why did you decide to go there? Are you living there permanently now? Do you have family living with you?

- If I am correct, you are a member of the Moon community. How many Moon followers are living with you in Puerto Leda? Can you describe to me what the Moon community means to you?

- I have read that you pray every morning. Is it possible to attend this ceremony? Where does this take place?

- Are there any other activities of the Moon community that we might be able to attend?

The film crew would cover Farm Leda as part of an episode on Paraguay. They would stay nine days in the country and two days at Farm Leda. Mr. Sano, national messiah to Chile, responded to them accepting their request to visit and film Farm Leda. He later described their visit as follows:

The film crew arrived around 2:30 in the afternoon of October 7 by charter plane from Concepcion. They ate a late lunch and we showed them around our buildings and the swimming pool. They were astonished to see the solid infrastructure in the midst of wilderness. We showed them our fishponds and demonstrated harvesting fish from a pond with nets.

Afterward, they filmed the sunset from a boat. Even we have rarely seen a sunset so beautiful here, so they were satisfied.

After dinner, we showed a DVD about our Leda projects. They asked many questions about the Unification Church. I explained about all of Father's work, introducing his idea to unify humankind, going beyond the differences of race and religion, through the international blessings. They wanted to attend our hoondokhae meeting the next morning.

The next day was Anshi Il, so we held hoondokhae in True Parents' house. They all came there at four o'clock. They filmed the whole service, which we translated for the main broadcaster, including Father's speech and the commentary on Father's speech by Mr. Nakata, national messiah to Latvia. Mr. Nakata said that Father's philosophy is to carry God's love to the most miserable places, which is why Father chose this area to send us to. Our mission is to change this most unfortunate and disadvantaged place to a supreme paradise.

After breakfast, we showed them our agricultural projects, fish incubation laboratory and sausage workshop. Then they walked around our yard to film birds and animals. They especially wanted to film an alligator, but the high water level has kept them away this year.

After lunch, with much satisfaction, they left for Asuncion, after expressing gratitude to our hospitality. The documentary will air in February or March 2015 on Flemish television channel Eén. 76

# Independence Day Youth Workshop



n October 9, the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP-Uganda) held a one-day workshop to celebrate Uganda's fifty-second year of independence. Many of our church members, and young people generally, took the initiative to invite as many people as possible to this workshop at the Unification Church headquarters in Kampala.

Through member's financial contributions, we printed invitation letters and distributed them to members to invite their friends, colleagues and anyone they might find, even on the roadside. We also invited young people to attend the workshop through the YFWP-Uganda Facebook page and by sending SMS ("short message service," used by mobile phones and other devices) to young contacts with whom we had previous interaction. Fifty-seven new guests and twenty members attended.

The workshop began with a prayer from Uganda's national leader, Mr. Gimeyi Moses, and an introduction to YFWP activities in Uganda and in the world at large by YFWP-Uganda's president, Mr. Suuna James.

Mr. Moses lectured on character education to the participants during the morning session, covering topics including protecting the future, the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse; and sex, sexually transmitted disease and HIV-AIDS.

Mr. Rangallah Thomas Odack spoke to the participants, giving a detailed introduction to the Divine Principle during the midmorning session. We showed a video, "Sun Myung Moon: A Life Dedicated to Peace and Unification," during the lunch break. Participants watched this video of True Parents' legacy as they ate lunch.

We had general discussion after lunch, at which participants asked questions that we answered. Students of Peace High School provided entertainment.

### Challenges we overcame

Mobilizing our members to participate actively in youth activities is our first challenge.

This makes organizing workshops quite hectic, since very few people are around to lend a helping hand. We face financial obstacles. Our economic foundation in Uganda is not strong, and we have to go through struggles and strains to raise the funds necessary to organize the workshops and to feed the participants.

Through communication to members, especially during Sunday service, we have been able to have an increase the number of young people that involve themselves in our youthoriented events. Thanks to the contributions of the youth members, support from elder blessed families and of the U.C. community of Uganda in general, we were able to provide lunch to the participants.

# YFWP-Uganda background

The Youth Federation for World Peace has existed for many years in Uganda but was not active until 2011, when a group of young unification church members decided to revive YFWP. What motivated them was a desire to help the providential activities in our country, to help youth (who make up 60 percent of Uganda's population) and to fulfill vision 2020.

With new young leaders from our first and second generations, YFWP-Uganda has been able to hold youth seminars at the UPF-Uganda headquarters every final weekend of the month. YFWP-Uganda has been able to conduct outreach programs in different regions of the country, for example in Mityana District and Jinja District. Through these seminars, many young people in Uganda have heard Divine Principle lectures and have come to learn about True Parents' legacy.

We have opened up a web site (youthfederationuganda.org) and a Facebook page (youth federation for world peace Uganda) through which we intend to deliver information on True Parents' legacy to youth who are moving with the digital trend.

Additionally YFWP-Uganda has reunited Unification Church members, awakened sleeping youths and motivated them to be part of witnessing efforts and activities among young people in our nation by providing support in any way we can. 7

This Ugandan national headquarters submitted this article.

# With Peace Comes Progress in Angola

# By Kinambuta Sambu Pedro

*Despite difficulties, Angola is developing based largely on the faith and hard work of the members there. The building of a church in Angola is a major step forward for True Parents' providence in that nation.* 



Until recently, building a church was unthinkable in this province devastated by war.

ngola is a country with a tropical climate in southern Africa, where it shares its northern border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo and with the Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville). In the south, it abuts Namibia. In the east, it borders Zambia and in the west Angola's Atlantic Ocean coastline stretches for 1,600 km. (1,000 mi.).

Angola was a colony of Portugal for five hundred years before liberation in 1975. Unfortunately, after its independence, the country was oriented toward communism with Marxism Leninism as its ideology. Furthermore, the country went through a civil war for almost thirty years, which finally ended in 2002 with the death of Dr. Jonas Malheiro Savimbi, who was one of the leaders of the opposition political party, UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola).

Angola has many natural resources such as the oil, diamonds, copper, manganese, fish and timber. It is a country with a religious foundation. Despite the influence of communism after its independence, almost 70 percent of the population is Christian. We also have some indigenous religions. The country has eighteen provinces and the official language is Portuguese; however, languages abound in Angola, such as Kimbundo, Kikongo, Kiokwe, Ngangela, Ibinda and Umbundo. Our president is Jose Eduardo Dos Santos; he has been in power since 1979. Some call him "the architect of peace."

### **Our Angolan church history**

Before 1994, the providence to restore Angola was pioneered by two couples who came from Brazil one after the other but who left the country principally because the country was in a state of war at that time. In 1994, Mr. Alberto Capita and I, came from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (then called Zaire), where we had been living like Angolan refugees for several years. We were sent back to Angola to start a new mission, knowing that we were sons of the country and must succeed at all costs. Thus, we were intent on enduring any difficulties. Fortunately, with the support of the spiritual world, we could establish a foundation.

In 1995, with the coming of a Korean couple and nine Japanese woman members of the Women's Federation for World Peace, the providence was about to move from its pioneer phase to the definitive establishment of the providence. Unfortunately, in the midst of war, which had again torn the country apart, we were able to deploy our efforts only in the capital and one other city, Lubangu, in the southern province of Huila. We could work in only a few provinces, such as Cabinda and Benguela. Given that freedom of movement in the country was severely restricted, the only safe means of transportation was aerial, but this was also very expensive. We therefore concentrated nearly all of our activities in the capital of the country, Luanda.

### The Angola mission expands

After definitive peace in 2002, the country entered a new stage. We could already notice peace in all the national territory. Despite this, it was not easy to set up other mission sites in the provinces because of the bad state of the roads, antipersonnel land mines and the rural exodus-most of the population had left the provinces to live in the capital. The government had to start to rebuild the nation. In the ten years after armed conflict ended, the streets had begun to be reconditioned, which allowed us to consider launching missions in provinces where no missions had yet existed. In provinces where members had laid a small foundation, we were able to empower them.

### **Our church in Uige Province**

Uige is one of the provinces where the civil war had raged strongly. It had been under the control of the rebel movement (UNITA) for more than ten years. This province shares a long border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The civil war nearly destroyed the streets. Reaching Uige from the Luanda, which is 370 km (230 miles) away, required two or three days, sometimes in a vehicle, but mostly walking. After the governtion from Adolfo Martins Mavinga and his wife—made this purchase possible.

The construction should have started the same year, especially as we had two strong young men whom Mr. Adlofo had taught civil construction skills. Their contribution was a huge benefit once construction did begin. Thus, using the members' contributions, they began to purchase construction materials and members mobilized themselves to contribute



Rev. Futila (center) and Rev. Pedro (blue suit) at the opening of the church

ment rebuilt the streets, it only takes five hours.

In 2007, the military posted Mr. Adolfo Martins Mavinga, a member blessed among the thirty-thousandcouple blessing group, to Uige to fulfill his military service. We started a pioneer mission there, which benefitted from him and his family being there. Because the province is close to the capital, sometimes members of the national headquarters staff visited the province to help empower the families and to witness to new members. Right now, in Uige Province, we count thirty-six full time members and eighty-two members spiritually associated to the church and to whom we are teaching Divine Principle.

In 2010, the headquarters in Luanda, through the national leader, asked members in Uíge Province to look for a place to build a provincial headquarters church. Members answered the call by reporting that they could buy an empty field for U.S. \$700.00. Even though the national headquarters contributed a symbolic amount, donations from members in Uige—above all a very large contributheir own effort to the creation of the provincial headquarters church. Along the way, they never ran short of difficulties. They had to find water a bit farther away because the building site itself lacked a water source. Sometimes members even had to work at night to save time.

Even though the national headquarters helped in one way or another, the greatest effort came from the dedicated members in Uige, especially the individual efforts and sacrifice of elder member Adolfe Martins Mavinga.

Finally, on August 30, almost two years after the national headquarters had initiated the project, Futila Di Mayeko Michel, the sub-regional leader of Central Africa; and I, as Angola's national leader, were physically on hand for the opening of the Uige Province headquarters church.

### Serving the community

We took advantage of this occasion to donate food to the Uige Provincial Tuberculosis Hospital, an act that the local media covered. Our aim was to think of others, in line with True Parents' vision. Nevertheless, strategically, taking a public stance in caring for our neighbors in this way increases the credibility of our organization generally, because the province and society wants to see this type of humanitarian outreach. In addition to wanting to satisfy the practical needs of others, we wish to open the gate widely for our witnessing activities.

### The Uige mission leader's testimony

Mr. Nsilulu luzayamo, a blessed member and leader of the Uige mission gave the following testimony:

I am Angolan, too, but I was refugee in the Democratic Republic of Congo. I returned to Angola in 2011. I was in another municipality in the Uige Province; the city of Uige, which is the provincial capital. I contacted Rev. Pedro at the headquarters in Luanda and he introduced me to Adolfo Martins Maviga, and with him, I started raising funds for the church.

I have experienced that anything is possible with unity. Beginning construction seemed like a joke when we first proposed it; seeing the number of members that we had, we wondered if we could build something in less than three years. Especially because the majority of our members don't have a job that guarantees they can contribute more than willpower or courage or dedication and sacrifice. Above all, with the encouragement of the national leader, we could achieve something. Of course, it is not a very beautiful building, but at least we have a clean area where we can pray and organize our providential activities.

Finally, we invited some public figures (political, religious and social) to attend the inauguration. The people that came were not the ones expected, but I understood it is not at all easy. The person chosen to cut the tape was someone related to the local government but he was not in our original plan. Nevertheless, because he responded positively to our call, I personally requested that he lead the official opening of our headquarters. In conclusion, I understood that with faith, obedience and absolute love, we can do big things, especially in the providence of restoration.

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# The Russian Far East Family's Heavenly Dream

Three members testify from different perspectives about an unusual occurrence that greatly contributed to the building of a church center in the Russian Far East.



Regional President Chung and Mrs. Kang (a successful Korean tribal messiah) cut the ribbon.



rom 2008 to 2011, I was the Russian Far East District leader, based in Khabarovsk. I strongly

wanted to develop God's providence in my region. I started to visit blessed families. At first, I was just visiting and listening to the stories of these families and the story of God's providence in the Russian Far East; then, gradually I began to develop a vision of how to help these families.

Unfortunately, most families lived on their own and did not communicate with each other often. Some families had deep resentment because of past leadership. I faced great distrust and tried to gain the families' confidence by investing in the mission, regardless of the circumstances. Gradually, members began to open their hearts and we became friends. Eventually, almost all families were coming to Sunday services and tithing.

Nevertheless, we lacked one idea that could unify the whole Russian Far East. I was thinking a lot about that. Gradually, I came to the realization that the construction of a church, as our temple for God and True Parents, could serve that purpose. However, because the construction of a church requires a lot of money (and where this money would come from was unclear) most of the families were skeptical about the idea. Yet, I believed that with God all things are possible.

I decided to stop receiving family support from church funds. I started a small business-making jewelry for sale in stores. This business brought enough money for me to live on. I started to save all the tithing from families for the construction of a church. Any results from product sales, I invested for this goal too. I had absolute confidence that the construction of a church was possible. I prayed about it, and inspiration was coming to me constantly. I continued to invest in the families, invest in witnessing and invest in the search for construction funds. Gradually, families began to unite with this idea and to share my confidence.

Once this has happened, a former student of one of our elder sisters approached her and said, "I want to do good things. I know that you are a good person. I am going to pass you money every month, and you can use it as you wish. You do not need to report to me how you spend the money, but my name must remain a secret." I think God just decided to work through this elder sister, because she did not hesitate and immediately brought the money to the church and donated it.

Thus, every month this former student, a businessman, donated to our church in sizable amounts, through the mediation of our sister.

We did not actually invest the entire amount in the construction of the church in Far East Russia. We decided that it would be correct to donate half of the money for the construction of Cheon Bok Gung. As a result, we were able to fulfill our district goal to fund Cheon Bok Gung's construction, bought land to build God's temple on and saved the required amount for the construction.

### OLEG KUZMIN, NOW MOSCOW VICE-REGIONAL LEADER



he story began in 2009, when Oleg Kuzmin was district leader. At that time, the idea of building our own center arose. Before, we had never talked or dreamed about building anything. We used to rely on missionaries, on their plans, and we had been using rented places. At that time, Oleg came back from a leader's meeting with Dr. Otsuka in Moscow and told us that under a new paradigm we could have our own buildings. He prayed deeply and then announced that we need to build a center. The idea was unbelievable because actually building something requires a lot of money, but we all were just surviving. Soon after this, a man called me; a long time ago, he studied in the school where I was working. I was not even his direct teacher. He said, "I have to talk to you. Can I come over?" I always had a good relationship with him. He said he wanted to meet me in his car, not in my home. I was surprised when I saw him, because he is always joking, but at that time, he was very serious. I asked what had happened to him. Sometimes, my former pupils solve some of my problems, but none had ever asked me to help them solve theirs. He said, "I have decided to take care of my soul."

He did not even believe in God and never talked about such things, so that was surprising. He said, "I am already over forty. Years are passing." I was amazed to hear this from him, since he is not a believer and he could not even tolerate somebody talking about God. He asked, "Can I donate money through you?" I knew him and was aware of how he had become a successful businessman from zero and that achieving this had required a lot of effort from him.

I knew he sponsors many charity events and orphanages, so I asked, "Why do you want to donate here, when you are already doing so much?" Several years ago, when we tried to hold a Mister and Miss University Contest, I called him and asked if he could donate for that project. He replied that he would give money if I personally needed it, but he did not want to donate to an organization. He even added that we had to earn money by ourselves, not beg for donations from others. I was sure after that that he would not give money to any organization, especially a religious organization. Yet, in two years, he had changed. I asked him about this, and he told that now he had changed his mind.

He proposed giving a monthly donation, personally. I told him I would give him a detailed report about this money but he rejected the idea. He did not want to know where the money went. "Moreover," he said, "nobody should know who I am, I don't want to be connected with this." From then on, money started to come, though not every month. He told me not to have any expectations. "If I want to donate," he said, "I will do it; if not, I won't." He said that he might stop donating at any time and couldn't be responsible for any consequences of his stopping. He warned me that people might begin expecting money through me and asked if I could endure if the money suddenly

stopped coming.

When it began, he sometimes gave every month, sometimes not. Sometimes, for half a year, he did not donate. I felt bad at that time, as if I were required to give money but could not. I talked to God and realized I was not the cause; I was just a mediator.

After Oleg Kuzmin left to a new mission in Moscow, donations stopped. Then, on the Day of All True Things, a phone call came from this man. He brought a large amount of money. Afterward, donations became rarer but the amounts increased. In December, he donated one million rubles [US\$24,300] and the next day, he donated the same amount again.

MRS. LYUDMILA LEONIDOVNA ZORINA



verybody understands that these big donations were very spiritual. When I came to the Russian Far East, it was difficult to achieve unity in the beginning with some key members in Khabarovsk because we have a different approach toward many things. In any case, we continuously held prayer meetings in order to create a foundation for building the church center. While meeting each other, we finally made some degree of unity. I think this was the reason that God could continue to inspire donations. They came much less frequently but increased in amount. No donation has come since December 2012. I still feel that I cannot establish proper unity with some members, and we have different ideas about how to use this money. The man who made the donations had plans to leave Russia for a substantial period; this also could be the reason donations have not come. 76

IVAN MARYCHEV, LEADER OF THE FAR EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2011



# Adding Power to Island Women's Skills

## By Brenda Okada

ive years ago, WFWP Australia donated manual sewing machines to Imaelone Village, on Western Tanna. The women used them while sitting on mats on the floor of their women's center.

Recently, Ingleburn High School in Sydney upgraded their sewing room machines and graciously donated their used machines to WFWP Sydney. We transported these to Vanuatu, where FFWPU missionary, Rev. Jong Dueg-yoo, had arranged for electricity to be connected to the community center in the village.

Upon our arrival, we ceremonially presented the seven machines to Tess, the wife of the Taffeta Province president, Nakau Natuman, who accepted them on behalf of the village. Great excitement ensued as men brought tables from homes in the village to be used as worktables. Women quickly covered them with colorful cloths. We unboxed the machines, put them in place and plugged them in.

Celine began with the basics, filling the bobbin. The sound of the bobbin filling caused shrieks of delight to explode from all the women. Threading the machine correctly was a very serious affair and then came the time to sew, again the speed of the action caused shrieks of delight and wonder. Men stood and wandered around in the background, quite curious and a



little in awe of what their women were experiencing.

Everyone was eager to have her turn at this newfangled machine. Many women proved to be quite adept and soon the sound of the racing machines filled the air as one by one they took them over. Brightly colored fabrics seemed to suddenly appear from nowhere, as some women rushed home and returned, eyes wide with determination and the intention of sewing new curtains, new dresses, new tablecloths. There seemed to be no stopping them.

For those not at a machine we began to teach them to crochet, suggesting that they start with simple squares, recommending the resulting products as good cleaning cloths. When we returned the next day great progress had been made with the crocheting but cleaning cloths were not the desired product. Everyone wanted to make a bag.

On the first day, we held a four-



The seven sewing machines delivered to the villagers.



Celine Okada helps guide a villager through use of the machine.

hour session before packing up for the day. The following day we held a sixhour session interspersed by lunch, which the women had prepared. The bag of fabrics and notions was unpacked on this day. The women were initially hesitant to investigate but quietly and surely each piece of fabric was taken by the end of our session with skirts, cushion covers, shirts, and curtains, all in the process of being made. Embroidery settings where shown to one woman who sewed and sewed until unfortunately her machine burnt out.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience for all. To provide an activity for women to come together and be productive is a wonderful thing. While caring for their babies, toddlers and small children, they can create items for their families, for gifts or for sale. To hear the sound of women chattering and laughing as sewing machines buzzed and children played and cried in the background was truly a joyous experience. Even the local dogs gathered around us and one puppy slept while resting its head on a skein of yarn.

We felt privileged to be given the opportunity to interact with such warm, generous and proud people. It was a shame that it was only for two days, but we certainly hope to visit them again, next time with more fabrics patterns, notions, machine spare parts and reading glasses. Many of the women's eyesight seemed to be poor. At one stage, the women were sharing a pair of glasses, handing them around to aid in the threading of needles and even crocheting. To this end, I ask members and friends if they could please donate some of this type of item to be included in our next shipment of goods to Vanuatu. 🌾

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