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# An Encounter with Absolutely Faithful Early Pioneers

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I remember a speech True Father gave at an early morning meeting in the 1980s at the former headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul. He said, “Even now, we must remember the underground missionaries who crossed the Iron Curtain to convey God’s word in nations under communist rule in Eastern Europe. Armed with a sense of mission, they are True Parents’ secret envoys who are ready to die as they go about spreading God’s word while evading surveillance.” To this day, I cannot forget the sight of True Father in tears as he spoke about this.

In June this year, I was appointed the special emissary to Eastern Europe, and in response to True Mother’s new providence, I headed for Europe. As her representative, I embraced with love our leaders and blessed families that were working hard in the providential field. I encouraged them and shared with them the fervent wishes and the heart of our True Mother, who after True Father’s seonghwa took the helm in the providence and proclaimed that we would continue to advance without ceasing. As this is the mission of a special emissary, I was delighted and felt honored to be able to meet the pioneers from the early days of our church and elder blessed families in Europe.

Vienna was like the tactical base for our missions in Eastern Europe when the nations there were under communism. After arriving there, I invited to a Korean restaurant the early missionaries that were part of “Mission Butterfly”—engaging in underground missionary work in communist nations. There, I conveyed True Mother’s words of encouragement and appreciation. When I went to the Czech Republic, I met a missionary that had joined in a communist country after having received heaven’s message. Although this person had barely heard the Divine Principle, he had accepted True Parents as the returning lord and messiah. He went through all sorts of tribulations during his mission; he spent several years in prison. I also heard about Marie Zivna who at a young age died a martyr in prison. I was deeply moved to see how heaven’s providence had unfolded in the early years of the missions on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

What was more remarkable is that the members who had joined at that time had nurtured their lives of faith by receiving and reading True Parents’ guidance on slips of paper that were conveyed through secret channels across national borders, something one would expect in a secret spy operation. Only after more than twenty years were they finally able to meet True Parents in the flesh. These displays of absolute faith moved me. Looking back on my own life, I survived life-or-death situations when my family was fleeing after the January 4 Retreat in 1951, during the Korean War. My mother went through hardships after I lost my father on the way. I remember how happy she looked and how filled with hope when she had heard the Divine Principle and met True Father, exclaiming that she had met the Lord. Soon after, however, we faced intense persecution and had to fight against poverty as we continued on this path. Thus, I could truly relate and empathize with the stories of these early missionaries.

During the past couple of months, I visited several Eastern European nations. In each place I went, I was amazed to see how the sacrifice of the early pioneers, who had put their lives on the line, took root in that country, whereupon the church could grow and expand its foundation, including the foundations for ambassadors for peace and the Women’s Federation for World Peace. I saw all kinds of activities being carried out every day and was reminded once again of the greatness of our True Parents who had laid the groundwork for this. How could this have been possible without Heaven’s assistance?

In each corner of the world, many couples that had joined and been blessed in the early years were carrying out various home church activities in their mission areas. Having seen the children of these couples growing rapidly, I am convinced that heaven’s domain will continue to expand through them. These second-generation members will, as True Mother had said, become heaven’s advance guard—pure water that shall continue to flow as a current in order to fulfill the mission of heavenly tribal messiahs. If they can do this, I am convinced that we will soon see the day when a tsunami will cover the entire earth in this time of building Cheon Il Guk. 

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# The Mission of Tribal Messiahs

*True Father said the following at the Inaugural Assembly of the Korean Headquarters of the Interreligious and International Peace Council on October 15, 2003 at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul. It appears in Pyeong Hwa Gyeong Book 9, Speech 17, beginning on page 1428.*

Ladies and gentlemen, beginning some ten years ago, I have been guiding all blessed families to become tribal messiahs. This means they have to become the new ancestors of their tribes. All your ancestors throughout history have nurtured the hope and earnest desire to see such families. True Parents, who have won all the victories as the messiah of all humankind, bequeath to you their foundation, and on this foundation, you need to become messiahs on the tribal level.

## **Related as branches to the trunk**

Families that have received the blessing from us and have joined the ranks of blessed families now need to become leaders that guide the world and saviors that save humanity as tribal messiahs. You need to become devoted children and patriots who erase God's grief. God has been waiting for this time for tens of thousands

of years. You will work in all countries of the world as the vanguard. You will expand the realm of victory gained by True Parents, who have been victorious over Satan's vicious opposition and persecution. The True Parents have now bequeathed everything to you. You will liberate the world and establish it anew in front of Heaven.

In relation to the messiah of all humanity, a tribal messiah is like a branch growing from the main trunk. After leaves sprout and blossoms emerge, fruit will ripen on these branch messiahs. That fruit will possess a hundred percent of the value of the original messiah. You will advance into the realm of protection, where good spirits can guard you.

Ladies and gentlemen, humanity is in the position to recover its homeland. Those who take a short trip can return to their homeland, but those who have lost their homeland cannot return so easily. At the moment his-

tory began, we lost our homeland. We were expelled and have lived as nomads. We have not been in a position to return, and we have not even known the way back. We have lived as wanderers without a homeland, roaming aimlessly for thousands of years.

In the same way, all people became lonely orphans because of the Fall, committed by the first ancestors. We live in the pitiful position of people who have lost their homeland. God, the owner of our homeland, solemnly waits for our return, even though until now we have lived without even the desire to return. We have become such a shameful sight that we dare not even lift our heads in front of heaven or earth. During the course of the world's population increasing to more than six billion, people have experienced so much misery in life that they are unable to discern night from day. When God sees the distress of his

children, his heart must be in so much pain that he can barely speak. When a child meets with tragedy, no one feels more sorrow and pain than its parents. God created us as his children.

What, then, is God's heartfelt desire? It is to liberate his children by any means possible, so that we can find our way back to our homeland. Religion is God's strategy to open this way. Through religious movements, he laid a foundation for people to get together and return to the homeland, to the place where we transcend our environments, languages, cultures, ethnic backgrounds, ideologies, systems and philosophies. He always sees the situations in which each of you lives. He waits anxiously for the day you can return to your homeland. You must understand that God is the vertical True Parent that has conducted his providence in ways that accommodated the culture of each historical period.

He never did this because he preferred any particular religious body or country. It was a manifestation of God's true love for the sake of your liberation. Building a bridge that would allow you to return to your homeland in freedom has taken effort. So please remember that you each represent your family and also your country and all of humanity. You also represent all your ancestors in the spirit world and all the descendants who will be born in the future. We have to achieve this precious, liberated state and fulfill our responsibilities before Heaven and our human family.

### **The kingdom takes root**

We have deep longing for our homeland because that is the place where love is shared with others. The love of one's mother and father, of one's older brother and sister and one's younger siblings, the love of one's wife and children and of one's relatives can be found in every corner of our homeland. Here, all these relationships and bonds are connected by altruistic love; we want to embrace them all at once. The traveler who yearns for his homeland longs to return home as a proud, liberated person, so that he can embrace the mountains, rivers, grass and trees, give love to his family and relatives,

and sing joyous songs. Since being vanquished and expelled from our homeland and having lost the connection of heart rooted there, we have been unable to return and have instead been doomed to wander a lonely path through eternity until finally arriving in hell. Now, though, we can be liberated. The path to the homeland, lying deep within our memories and appearing in our dreams, has been cleared. This is surely the day of the greatest blessing for humanity. You are going to recover the homeland lost by Adam and Eve.


When you go to your homeland, you do so in the position of the perfected Adam, the perfected Jesus and the representative of the returning Lord. God will reside in your family. The four generations of grandparents, parents, children and their children will live together in harmony. The grandparents must be attended as the ancestral root. They are the living root of history and the root of the heavenly kingdom that extends into the family. This is a family where the kingdom of God on earth has taken root. The root of the kingship that will continue forever also will be firmly established in such a family. The grandparents, parents and children represent the roots of the past, present and future, respectively. The root of the past represents the spirit world. The root of the present is a palace representing the present world, and the root of the future is the children living as princes and princesses in a palace of peace representing the two worlds, the spirit world and physical world.

The mission of the tribal messiah is to establish the families of Cheon Il Guk, where four generations—grandparents, parents, children and the children's children—live as one family attending the eternal God. This is also God's heartfelt desire. The mission is to establish families that God, were he to go to another land, would long to return to. It is to raise families that God can feel comfortable visiting anytime, just as a parent would visit the home of a child. That is a life of service to God. In such a family, God becomes, vertically, the subject partner of the conscience. Your own mind will follow this vertical subject partner and bring your body to unite, as you

yourself become a vertical subject partner.

In this situation, parental love, conjugal love, children's love and sibling love; that is, the four great realms of love, or four great realms of heart, will be completed. This is how a family must be in order to exist eternally through continuous spherical movement that connects up and down, front and back, and left and right as one. Ladies and gentlemen, why is it necessary to marry? We marry to attain the position of an owner. If each spouse is to take the position of the correspondent partner's owner, the spouse has to practice love that is for the sake of that partner. People marry to obtain this position of ownership. For what purpose, then, do we want to obtain the position of owner? It is because from that position we can occupy God.

God is our subject in three great partnerships. As the owner of the cosmos, he is the true love teacher, true love owner and true love parent. These are the three great subject-object partnerships. All these teachings and truths will be realized in the life of true families. When these are expanded, societies, nations and even the world and cosmos can change into the peace kingdom.

The tribal messiah who returns to his or her homeland must have a determined and unwavering demeanor. There can be no complaining. It is our destiny to go this way, even if it brings us to weep bitterly. Those who understand the circumstances of the Heavenly Father, who has waited for His lost children throughout millennia with a grief-filled heart, cannot travel this path without shedding tears. Fill your steps with hope, as you go out to plant seeds of love. Once these seeds of true love are planted, no one will be able to steal them. They are the seeds of the heart of true love. The families and countries where these seeds sprout will remain forever in God's possession. Those families will become distinguished families of Heaven, producing God's representatives, generation after generation. Those countries will become great nations under Heaven. 

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**“If you want to live up to your faith, you have to move your bodies.”**

*True Mother gave this message at a special gathering to Korean national messiahs and senior pastors on November 12 at Cheon Jeong Gung.*

**W**hen we talk about November, we refer to it as the season of harvest and the season of fruition. What about your lives? I do not think those who are sitting here today are in the springtime of their lives. Is it autumn, or is it winter? You were told many times to fulfill your responsibilities as heavenly tribal messiahs. Yet, people tell me that it was difficult because of this and that, and that there are so many situations to consider. If you thought that this was the end, how would you do it? As people who know about the eternal world, if you knew that you could never see another spring again in your lives, what would you do? Especially as people

who have pioneered and worked with True Parents while they were on the earth, you have a responsibility. Adam and Eve fell because they were not serious in addressing this issue.

**A person who fails to fulfill his responsibilities is without a future**

You just saw on the screen a brief cut about the life of a Monarch butterfly, which is only about three to four centimeters in length. The size of its brain is about the same as the tip of a needle. Yet, a new butterfly born as a larva flies to the very place where other butterflies had gone and died. Isn't this profound and mysterious? Human beings use a compass and what they have learned to find their

way. How could this tiny being with a brain the size of a dot—I mean smaller than what you'd get if you prick something with a needle—navigate to safety and multiply? When we observe these things, we know for a fact that compared to Mother Nature we have led truly shameful lives. Yet, you are people whom Father remembered when he was alive. That is why he said that he would place you in the position of Cheon Il Guk owners in the new era. Think about this. A king cannot exist without his subjects. As you carry out your responsibilities as a national messiah or a tribal messiah, you have to raise people, your subjects. You have to do witnessing. Only then can you fulfill your given re-

sponsibilities. A person who fails to fulfill his responsibilities is without a future. Do you want to live in that way and exit without leaving behind a name or a legacy? It should not be that way. The reason why I called you here today is because I love you. I love you all. I want you to advance together with me. [Aju! Applause]

If we had already come to this realization and made effort, we would not have sent off True Father at his seonghwa in this kind of environment. We would have been able to send him off on top of a national foundation. Isn't that so? When you think about this, do you know how blessed you are that I am alive today? That is why you should not put off fulfilling your responsibilities. Dr. Lek and that couple in the Philippines that was successful both started from nothing. They started by themselves. It can be done if you try. Why have you not been able? Do not put this off until your children's time. Didn't I tell you that I would bring an end to the depressing six-thousand year providence of restoration through indemnity in my lifetime? My children also have their own portion of responsibility. Why would you not have it too? I gave you a chance. The conclusion is that you should no longer postpone fulfilling your responsibility.

I personally enjoy watching nature documentaries. I have watched many. I heard the other day that there is a certain bird that lives in Alaska called the long bill. When preparing for the winter, the long bill flies non-stop for ten days to Austria. So many things in nature put us to shame. Have we ever strenuously made effort, like this bird, for ten days, without eating or sleeping, for the sake of restoring our neighbors, our tribe or our nation? Even this bird, which cannot speak, exerts itself in this way to multiply its own kind. What can we say for human beings who were created as the lords of creation? We are our Heavenly Parent's masterpiece in all of creation. Should we be any less than a butterfly or a bird? True Parents have taught you this—they taught you everything—how to live and how to bring closure to your lives. When I say bringing closure, I mean making arrangements in your environment so that you can live eter-

nally with True Parents in the eternal world. In the early years of the church, when you first encountered God's word, you were excited and felt as if you could gain the nation and the world at any moment. Over the years many aspects of the environment have formed. The issue now is about you.

The Bible was translated into English, and then the Puritans crossed the Atlantic in search of freedom of religion and migrated to America. They risked their lives at that time. Later, many of them would starve to death even while they kept the grain they had brought to sow seeds in the coming year. They were thinking about their future generations.

Let me ask you a question. What is Cheon Il Guk? Shouldn't you become victors and progenitors? Shouldn't you be wearing such a nameplate? Yet, can this be done just by talking? If you want to live up to your faith, you have to move your body. Will you do that? [Yes.] Can I trust you? [Yes.] I very much want to believe you with a pure and loving heart. I hope that you do not disappoint me anymore. If you pledge not to do so, please stand up, and clap your hands. [Applause] Since we're all standing now, let's sing "Our Hope Is Unity."

[True Mother led the song, while those in the audience held hands.]

### Message at the luncheon

Did you have a good time? Was your meal delicious? I'm sure you have thought a lot about True Father. Once we fulfill God's will, we will have a feast every day. Does that feel real to you? Shouldn't we usher in a time where we have a feast every day to celebrate when somebody completes their responsibility or when somebody offers a victory to Heaven?

### Riding the main current

I made an important announcement yesterday. Do you remember that after Father's seonghwa I said that I would make a museum about True Parents' life courses? Two years have passed but it is not as if I haven't been making any preparations. I do wistfully wonder, however, how it might have been if our environment were better or if we were a little bit more in-

fluent. Yesterday, I decided that we will not go with the concept of a museum; instead I named the facility that we will build *Cheonji Sunhak Won*.

In that sense, the Cheonji Sunhak Won museum should be made as a futuristic, multipurpose, cultural space. It should be a place where whoever enters would want to sign up to become a member by the time they exit. You should make effort in a way that twenty-four hours would not be enough for you.

In the 1950s, Father once said that there will come a day when boats will line up endlessly to enter the shores of Busan, and that people will endlessly line up facing wherever True Parents are. Does this feel real to you? You have to make this a reality. You should not do this randomly and without a plan. It is not an easy task to give birth to one life. A mother goes through hardships for ten months. Once a baby is born, does it grow on its own? We have to create an environment where the baby can grow on its own.

Until now, we have lived in the fallen world. We are now in the process of purifying the world. The quicker we do this, the more blessed you will be; through you many beings will gain new life. How can you be hesitant? You have now heard everything that needs to be heard. I have now fed and clothed you with everything that you need. What more do you need? You should fulfill your duty as a child. A person is identified and called a filial child during difficult times. During peaceful times, when the children are serving the parents, they are not called filial children. The same can be said about being called a loyal subject. Bearing in mind that you are in a position where you can attain these qualifications, please do your utmost. I do not know nor do you, whether you have ten, twenty or thirty years left. Let's do our best. Soon, the preparatory committee will send out an official memo and an explanation. You too have now come to a time when you can have your accomplishments remembered forever for eternity. I hope that you can attain that qualification. Let's all sing "Saranghae Tangshingeul (I love you)" while thinking about True Father. ㄸ

# I Hope You Succeed as Tribal Messiahs



*On October 29, True Mother visited the nearly completed South Chungcheong provincial church headquarters building. Moon Yeon-ah nim, the international president of WFWP; Kim Man-ho, secretary-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters; Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea; and others accompanied her. Mother spoke to about three hundred members. She planted a tree and sang the first verse of the Korean song, "Thoughts of a Friend." This was her message that day.*





**Above:** Welcoming True Mother with flowers  
**Right:** A commemorative tree-planting



The district pastor just mentioned the term “heavenly tribal messiahs.” Many people think that the Sino-Korean character *shin* used in front of “tribal messiahs” means “new.” Why did True Father ask you to carry out *shin* tribal messiah activities? He did not tell you to do it anew. He asked you to become tribal messiahs, but tribal messiahs that serve our Heavenly Parent. The character “*shin*” therefore does not mean “new.” I sincerely hope that all of you, members of the Cheonan District Church, become victorious tribal messiahs that attend God, our Heavenly Parent.


The day before yesterday, I was asked what tree to choose for the tree planting ceremony. I thought a yew would be great; I mentioned two types of trees. I believe a yew has been decided upon. I thought they decided to

plant only one tree because the space is small, but now that I am actually here, I believe another tree could well be planted, too. However, I personally think a lily magnolia is better than a Chinese magnolia. A lily magnolia! (True Mother presents a gift of money.)

I feel quite happy to be able to see you in person. You probably know how much work I did until the day before yesterday, don't you? Now that I have come here to Cheonan and have seen the sanctuary, which will be completed next month, I would like to sing a song here with a truly peaceful heart. This is the first time I have volunteered to sing before being asked. While watching the hill here, I thought of the song, “Thoughts of a Friend.” I will sing that. If anyone else knows the song, you can sing along.

When the spring symphony resonates

and lilies bloom on Cheongra hill,  
 I smell the fragrance of white lilies  
 and sing a song, a song for you.  
 When you, my lily-like friend bloom  
 within my Cheongra-hill-like mind,  
 all of my sadness vanishes.

I have passed seventy. I said that even if you are old, you are still young as long as you have hope and your mind is youthful. Many elders among figures in political circles and financial circles in Japan participated in the recent event in Japan and felt hope from that statement. I heard that those words greatly touched their hearts and that they have set their minds on living youthful lives from now on. Even if many people among you have become older, they are still younger than I; hence, please have hope and do your best to become victorious tribal messiahs. 



True Mother is receiving a progress report

# A SPECIAL GIFT TO FUTURE LEADERS

*True Mother has shown particular love for our young leaders and strong interest in raising them. On October 29, she visited Sun Moon University and the next day she called the trainees of the first Japanese Top Gun Workshop to Cheon Jeong Gung, where they held their closing ceremony with her. After the ceremony, she brought these young Japanese leaders to the Silleuksa Buddhist Temple in Yeosu. Here, affection and interest in these top guns was evident as she had pictures taken with them. We have prepared a pictorial of True Mother showering her grace and love on these future leaders.*

There is somewhere I would like to take you today. October is a very beautiful season in Korea. It is a time when the harvest of crops and fruit are especially abundant. I don't know about Japan but I think the autumn colors in Korea are more beautiful than any place in this world. It is very beautiful. We have many mountains where the crystal-clear waters flow.... There is a place where the autumn leaves are especially beautiful in Korea but it takes too long to get there. So instead I will take you to a location that is close to Seoul. Do you like that? (Yes!) When you look back later on, won't the only thing you reminisce is the fact that "I took a photo with True Parents"? That's why I want to take a photo with you. (Applause.) There is no need for any further resolution or words. I will personally show you things, feed you, and show you the sites, and who knows what gifts you might receive? Do you understand? So the workshop is concluded, right? (Yes!) You have made the resolution, right? (Yes!) Then, you should put your words into action.

*Closing Ceremony of Japanese Top Gun Workshop; True Mother's Message*



# Closing Ceremony for the Japanese Top Gun Workshop for the Fulfilment of Vision 2020



Mother speaking to the Japanese top guns



The top guns pledge in front of True Mother.



A group dance amidst nature's autumnal beauty



True Mother listens to the Top Guns' testimonies

## Mother Visiting Sun Moon University



True Mother giving a speech at Sun Moon University



Various people are reporting on developments at Sun Moon University to True Mother. At the podium is Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, president of the university.



True Mother and prominent figures on the university staff are listening to a presentation regarding Sun Moon University's current situation.

## Autumn in the Grounds Surrounding Cheon Jeong Gung



# For the Next Generation

By Moon Yeon-ah

*The Korean church held a National Pastors' Assembly on November 3 at the Ocean Resort in Yeosu, Korea. It attracted more than seven hundred pastors and those serving in public missions. This is the address given by Moon Yeon-ah, Hyo-jin nim's widow, on the evening of the first day of the assembly.*

Good evening. I feel nervous standing in front of you because I know I don't have much experience compared to all the leaders here. So, I thought that I could at least share with you my thoughts and experiences from attending True Mother in her daily life.

But before I do, I would like to briefly share Hyo-jin nim's thoughts on ministry. Hyo-jin nim had said that having a public mission and being in the ministry was not easy. That is why he frequently told young second-generation members to go forth with strong determination and resolution. As you all know, Hyo-jin nim wanted to assist the global ministry through music and media. In fact, he believed that ministry itself was the greatest form of art, saying that the most wonderful and challenging form of art was the ministry of perfecting a human being.

Hyo-jin nim said to me once, "What do you think I should I do when I grow old and retire? I would like to be involved in ministry." If Hyo-jin nim had lived long enough to retire, I might have become a pastor's wife. Sometimes, I feel relieved to have missed that chance in a way because I know that ministry, although rewarding, comes with great responsibility. For that reason, I truly appreciate pastors' wives who devotedly support their husbands in the background. I encourage you pastors to express your affection and love to your wives more when you go home.

## Focus on Mother's intent and advance

During the commemoration ceremony of the second anniversary of True Father's universal seonghwa, I was contemplating True Father's passing. It was then that I wondered



Moon Yeon-ah nim speaking to pastors from throughout Korea

for the first time, "What was in True Mother's heart when True Father went to the spirit world?" I remembered that when Hyo-jin nim went to the spirit world, I was focused on doing whatever I could to unite myself with Hyo-jin nim so I could support him and not be a hindrance as he settled in and carried out his mission in the spirit world. To do that, I had tried hard to align myself with True Parents' standard. Even I, who lacked a complete understanding of God's will and providence, was determined to do my best to set the right conditions in the physical world for Hyo-jin nim. I could not even imagine or compare my state to the love and determination True Mother must have had for True Father after his seonghwa. From the age of seventeen, when the Holy Wedding took place, True Mother had stayed by True Father's side every moment for the next fifty-three years. Who can fathom how she must have

felt when True Father went to the spirit world?

Thinking back, I am sure True Mother wanted to glorify further True Father's accomplishments and made up her mind to take responsibility for Foundation Day, so that the path True Father had forged for the sake of the world and humankind would not have been in vain. True Mother later revealed that she was unable to sleep at that time, no matter how hard she tried. I witnessed this with my own eyes. But True Mother could not share this with us out of concern that the members would be worried. I feel I can share this with you now, but True Mother never actually expressed in words what was in her heart at that time. I believe it was because she was deeply contemplating the next steps toward Foundation Day, determined to lead and guide the members to fulfill the providence for Heavenly Parent and True Father. On Foundation Day, True Mother offered a prayer of tears. Listening to her prayer, although short, I felt that there indeed were many inexpressible circumstances behind each word she said.

Nobody had foreseen True Father's passing and that made it more difficult and painful for everyone. Many members had actually grown physically ill because of their overwhelming sorrow. I am sure each of us was hurt and went through a hard time in our own way. But we were unable to align ourselves with True Mother's heart. I confess that it was only after the second anniversary of True Father's seonghwa that I came to think about True Mother's heart and her resolution. I deeply repent for our not having resolved to do our utmost for True Father and to assure True Mother of our resolution



President Ryu Kyeong-seuk and his wife offering to True Parents the Tree of Determination



Opening Ceremony of the National Pastors' Assembly

through our actions.

As time passes, I feel even more that each word True Mother speaks comes from her life of having been with True Father. When True Mother spoke of Vision 2020, I wondered, "Will this actually happen by 2020?" But as I see more of True Mother's resolution and love, I believe that it is possible if we have faith and go forth resolutely with one mind, moving together in unison in the same direction and focusing on True Mother's intentions. If all these leaders spoke in one voice, who would not want to join us?

If we show through our lives of living as blessed children of True Parents rather than practicing it only as a faith by routinely attending church, Vision 2020 can be achieved. Of course, we have many improvements to make, but if we proclaim that we will follow this path, and if we can manifest our mindset for the people of the world to see, we will be in better positions to reach out to the world.

#### **Please provide Mother strength**

On a personal note, the more I spend time with True Mother, the more I am convinced that she is truly the "True Mother!" I have never seen her waver in her conviction toward her mission as a True Parent. When she first said, "I was not educated by anybody," I wondered what she meant. Only recently I realized, "Before she answered 'Yes' to True Father at the Holy Wedding, and before she even met True Father, True Mother already had the firm determination to end restoration through indemnity in her lifetime and to resolve all humankind's mistakes and Eve's mistakes. True Mother has truly lived

following that path!" I poignantly felt that she really was God's only begotten daughter prepared by and raised by God.

When True Mother contemplates the forthcoming providence, she reflects on the promise she made to True Father centering on the Cheongpyeong area. In particular, she is planning to complete the construction of a museum (Cheonji Seonhak Won) to teach the world about True Parents' love for humanity and their lives; before 2020, the year that marks the one hundredth year since True Father's birth. At such times, even if we are unable to fulfill everything for her, if we can show our support and remind True Mother that we are here for her, I think it will give her strength.

Another concern True Mother has is that if what the first generation has begun is not carried on by the next generation, everything the first generation has done would be in vain. True Mother is pondering how to deal with this situation. I believe that the only reason she entrusted me with the Women's Federation for World Peace is that I am in the second generation. Even though I am inadequate, True Mother is educating me and raising me in order to set an example for educating and raising the next generation. Many capable members, who have meritorious achievements in their own right, are supporting me in the background, for which I am grateful. Even though I stand here in the spotlight, I stand on the foundation of the achievements of many people working hard behind the scenes. For example, the Women's Federation sent to a hundred and sixty nations Japanese volunteers that have put their per-

sonal circumstances behind them to follow a public life for the past twenty years. The Women's Federation was able to grow on this foundation; otherwise, that would not have been possible. Let us remember that each one of the volunteers had a husband and children who made sacrifices to support the mothers on the frontline for this cause.

We know that many of you here today have also lived in such a way and faced hardships. In some cases, you might be thinking, "Can I find the courage to do that again? What should I do?" I would like to ask you to be steadfast until the very end; if for no other reason, for the sake of those in the next generation even though we are lacking in many ways compared to you. I ask you to please guide us and teach us so that we can feel, "Aha! That is how we should do it!" and carry on our senior members' legacy.

Many people ask me with concern about True Mother's health. In the past, I simply replied, "Yes, she is doing fine." Recently however, I answer, "True Mother is strong. Please do not worry. True Mother is strong and determined. No matter what happens, she will persevere until the very end." That is why I entreat you: I sincerely hope that you can give True Mother strength while you affirm in your hearts, "Mother, please do not worry. Even if the entire world were to oppose you, we are here for you. We are on your side."

Thank you very much. 

*Moon Yeon-ah nim is the international president of the Women's Federation for World Peace.*



The Multicultural Peace Festival at Sun Moon University



The pledge, before releasing streams of fog



The front row of the parade

# Realization of the Vision of One Great Family

## The 2014 Multicultural Peace Festival

The Korean Multicultural Peace Federation came into being on April 25 in the plaza in front of Seoul City Hall. It fills a need to keep up with the demands of modern Korean society, which is rapidly changing into a multicultural one. Fifty-two multicultural groups came for the launching. The Korean Multicultural Peace Federation is working toward enhancing friendships between countries and realizing peaceful, mutually prosperous values that Koreans at large can sympathize with, surpassing the level of just understanding and caring about multiculturalism.

The 2014 Multicultural Peace Festival took place on Sun Moon University's Asan campus on November 1. It drew around eight thousand people, including invited prominent figures, organizations connected in various ways with multiculturalism, families with binational parents, foreigners residing in Korea, students from overseas and Korean citizens. The festival comprised three parts, a ceremonial commemoration, entertainment and physical activities. The Korean Multicultural Peace Federation, Sun Moon University, the *Segye Times*, and the Multicultural General Welfare Center were the event's patrons. The Family

Federation for World Peace and Unification, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Universal Peace Federation, the Tongil Group, Ilhwa Co. Ltd. and YongPyong Resort sponsored the event, which the Korea Multicultural Peace Festival Organizing Committee hosted.

### Toward a multicultural society

Rev. Lee Gi-seong, then vice-president of FFWPU-Korea (now director of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center) was master of ceremonies for the first part of the festival. Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, president of Sun Moon University welcomed the guests. Dr. Hwang told the audience, "You are the ones taking the lead in realizing peace as you have formed families on the basis of true love, transcending national and cultural barriers." He went on to say, "We have now entered a global era and I am confident that your children will be able to become global, talented people that the future society will demand."

Ryu Kyeong-seuk, chairman of the Multicultural Peace Festival Organizing Committee, the festival's host, gave the main address. "The theme of today's event is A Multicultural Community United through Love and

Service, the Hope of World Peace," he informed the audience. "Just as the theme points out," he continued, "our international blessed families are all fulfilling the role of true parents, true teachers and true owners everywhere and are leading the multicultural families of the world.... I hope we can all deeply reflect once more on the precious significance of multicultural families and truly play a part in the ideal of Cheon Il Guk where two people become one through this event today. I sincerely hope we can all contribute to making this event a great festival."

Moon Yeon-ah, international president of WFWP, gave words of encouragement to all saying, "International blessed couples have formed a multicultural environment, forming true families transcending nationality, race, culture and ideology. Furthermore, you are bringing a multicultural, peaceful world into reality. Let us use this festival as an opportunity to move beyond mere sharing and volunteering and instead take the lead in realizing a peaceful culture centered on true love. Let us become bridges of harmony and pillars that connect our different countries through Koreans abroad in the world and global citizen within Korea."



Venerable Dosan, the executive chief of Korea's Taego Buddhist Order, emphasized that multicultural families are a necessary foundation for global harmony by saying, "Your families are testing grounds for world peace. If your families can achieve peace, hope exists that world peace can come true. If you cannot achieve peace among you, world peace is just a dream."

Mr. Lee Myeong-su, the National Assembly member that represents Asan, had come to the event but had to leave because of duties elsewhere. Nevertheless, he did leave a message for the participants. It reads, "Today, the multicultural society is a course and a demand of this age that no one can defy. I sincerely hope that you all become healthy, bright, cultured people that can enhance friendship between countries through communication and become bridges of peace." National Assemblyman Lee is a member of the New Frontier Party, the same party as Korea's President Park.

Following the various speeches, the True Love Peace Federation, an umbrella organization of more than a hundred multicultural volunteer groups that our members in Korea have created (like the Korean Multicultural Peace Federation) was launched. Mr. Ryu Hyo-jun and Ms. Choi Ah-yeong, members of the True Love Peace Federation, came onstage with another Korean, a Japanese person, a Filipino person, a Thai person and a Mongolian person, who together pledged:

1) To contribute to the realization of the vision of one great family by transcending national, racial, religious and cultural barriers through volunteer work

2) As proud Koreans or members of multicultural families, to work toward becoming global citizens that can enhance friendship between their different countries

3) To contribute to the expansion of an environment where Koreans and multicultural families can mutually prosper, live together and build a model community

After reciting this pledge, they presented the True Love Peace Federation flag and the written pledge to Moon Yeon-ah and Ryu Kyeong-seuk,

co-presidents of the True Love Peace Federation. Moments later, the distinguished guests and representatives of some volunteer groups each pressed a button, releasing long streams of fog, which rose high in the air, symbolically announcing the launching of the True Love Peace Federation.

### Part two: fun and excitement

The second part of the event was a time for entertainment, with Ms. Watababe Mika as the emcee. Performances included a congratulatory song by Ms. Yoshida Miho. The Unification Martial Arts Group demonstrated their abilities in the fighting arts. Their members demonstrated a new yet traditional type of martial arts that combined all martial arts through the attitude, "Bow down to everyone you meet and learn from them."

Another performance was reminiscent of the famous Korean performing arts group, Nanta, which uses traditional Korean drums struck by their hands as they act out a story without words. The drum team that performed that day called themselves the Bright Village Slapping Team. The members were all teenagers living in North Chungcheon Province. Their unity could be felt through the magnificent rhythmic melody they made.

Sun Moon University CARP members performed dances that were passionate, expressive of vigor and youthfulness. Choirs comprising choristers from a mixture of national backgrounds sang. The dulcet tones emanating from the songs sung by the Multicultural Kids Choir, in harmony with singer Myujika Eternaga, whose father and mother hail from different countries, greatly touched the hearts of audience members.

### Part three: vigorous activity

The third part of the festival was the multicultural athletic meet, which consisted of diverse programs. The One Family on Earth Parade was the first item on the program and began around 2:00 pm. Around a thousand people including those from fifty-two multicultural groups, foreigners living in Korea, foreign students, invited prominent figures and Koreans marched in the parade. The first group held the Multicultural Peace Festival emblem at the front and in-

cluded a three-hundred-and-twenty person drum and fife band, groups involved in the Multicultural Peace Festival and seonghwa student teams.

Nearly three hundred and seventy people marched in the second group, which included the Korean traditional percussion band, people on a Blessing Ceremony float and others. Perhaps four hundred people were in the third group, including non-Koreans wearing their nation's traditional clothing and local residents.

The parade began at the Asan Citizens Cultural Welfare Center and went on for 1.8 km, ending in front of Asan City Hall. The parade finale occurred in the park in front of city hall. Participants and the locals observing the parade took part in *Ganggangsulae*, a traditional Korean dance performed in circles, where dancers hold on to one another as they dance and try to connect to other circles of dancers. *Ganggangsulae* has some similarities to the Conga. A fitness dance and other activities also involved some of the many people on hand that day.

Athletic competitions included the One Heart Group Jump Rope Contest, in which twenty-one teams from across Korea, consisting of twelve women each—ten to jump rope and two to spin the rope—took part. Thus, 252 women competed. Eight teams passed the preliminaries and the northern Seoul women's team made it to the top.

A women's arm wrestling contest was certainly out of the ordinary. Teams of two from twenty-one districts around Korea locked in battle to prove that their district possessed the greatest power. The winners were from a district in southern Gyeonggi Province. A soccer tournament for adolescents and a friendly soccer match between teams of members from two different religions also added to the physical exertions on display.

After all had concluded, all present gave three cheers for peace as an expression of their hopes that Korea becomes the center of communication in an interracial, interreligious and international manner. ☯

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# Reconfirming our Parent–Child Bond with True Parents

## Japan’s Top Gun Workshop

After having completed the Top Gun Workshop at the Chiba Central Training Center in Japan, the Japanese top guns were invited to Korea to hold their closing ceremony at Cheon Jeong Gung with True Mother. The following, which one of our magazine staff members wrote, is an account of their experiences.



The Top Gun Workshop at the Chiba Central Training Center

### The workshop program

The focus of this workshop was inheriting True Parents’ traditions and realm of victory, which serve as the internal, vertical axis, by completing the reading of books designated as essential reading by True Parents; namely, *Exposition of Divine Principle*, *True Parents’ Life Courses* and *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. The top guns were also encouraged to connect with True Parents’ hearts through a pilgrimage to the holy ground at Waseda University, where True Father’s footprints remain from his experiences there as a youth, and through listening to testimonies by elder blessed members. In order to solidify their experiences, the top guns immersed themselves in discussion sessions, engaged with presentations on selected themes and went through team-building activities as well as having exchanges with people from different generations. Through these sessions, the top guns, as providential comrades, aimed to strengthen their network.

### Meeting True Mother

During the workshop, the top guns learned that they might go to Cheon Jeong Gung for their closing ceremony. This further intensified their experience. They knew that Heaven directly presided over their workshop but had not imagined they would have the chance to see True Mother. They began preparations to go to Korea, such as getting passports and clothes from home. Some got haircuts. They practiced dancing and singing as a choir in the hopes of performing for True Mother. They also prepared a

Japan held its first Top Gun Workshop from October 10–30 at the Central Training Center in Chiba, just outside Tokyo. The closing ceremony took place at Cheon Jeong Gung in Korea with True Mother. This Top Gun Workshop follows a similar workshop held in Korea in September 2013. The organizers prepared it based on True Mother’s instructions to Dr. Song Yong-cheon, president of the Federation of Blessed Families in Japan, while in Switzerland in June this year. The national headquarters and church district headquarters in Japan recommended candidates for the workshop. Ultimately eighty-four participated. The plan had been to hold the workshop in Korea but they ended up using the Central Training Center.

At the October 10 opening ceremony, Dr. Song encouraged the trainees saying, “We are living in a historic time of great transition. This

workshop will serve as an important turning point for the Unification Church movement in Japan. Thus, our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have high expectations for you and for this workshop.... Recently, True Mother has been emphasizing the importance of revitalizing a youth movement such as CARP or the Youth Federation for World Peace. I hope that you can initiate a new youth movement and take the lead in saving the nation and the world. To accomplish this, True Mother has given each of you the name ‘top gun,’ a term True Parents used for members of a group they formed in 1987 to help save the world. She has done this with the hope that you become new leaders of the providence. Let us respond to Heaven’s expectations and build a great Japan while communicating to our members with a professional mind-set regardless of age, position or career.”

report, a photograph album and videos. Some top guns, in order to align internally with True Parents' standard of heart, began fasting or doing prayer conditions.

Contrary to the weather forecast, October 30 was a clear, sunny day. The group went to Cheon Jeong Gung and with True Mother's permission, they first paid their respects at *Bonhyangwon*, True Father's grave. Most of the top guns had never seen Bonhyangwon before. There they were able to reaffirm their bond with True Parents.

The closing ceremony took place in Cheon Jeong Gung's third-floor Hoondok Reading Room with True Mother. Rev. Tokuno Eiji, president of the Japanese church, was the master of ceremonies. Mr. Kajikuri Masayoshi offered the opening prayer. After President Tokuno introduced the top guns, Dr. Song gave a congratulatory address. Rev. Hori Masaiichi, district leader of the South Tokyo District; Mr. Miyako Kenji, youth leader of the Fukuoka District; and Mr. Motoyama Katsumichi, president of CARP Japan, gave their reflections on behalf of the participants. All the top guns then offered their appreciation to True Mother and reaffirmed their determination to become leaders of Vision 2020 efforts. In appreciation to True Parents, the top guns sang a song and performed an original dance. They also came together in doing the "Bounce" exercises that Mother does every morning and sang "Gohyang Moojeong" (Missing My Hometown) in unison. True Mother seemed pleased and praised their performances. The top guns then viewed a video of True Mother's address at the October 27 Special World Leaders Conference. The closing ceremony ended with a reading of a resolution and cheers of eog-mansei.

After the closing ceremony, True Mother told the top guns that she had prepared something special for them. They went by car to the Silleuksa Buddhist Temple in Yeosu. During the ride, top guns munched on *gimbap* (a tube of rice-filled seaweed with vegetables in the rice) and small walnut-flavored cakes that True Mother had gotten in Cheonan the previous day. Through this daylong experience with True Mother, the top guns were able

to bond with True Mother, while reminding themselves of her expectations of them.

During the evening reflection session, Dr. Song emphasized, "Through this workshop, you were personally able to meet True Parents and were blessed with an unforgettable time of receiving their love. You must realize that this is part of heaven's intent to create, through you, a turning point for Japan and for the world. Therefore, you should maintain a public mind-set and as the first batch of Japanese top guns, make True Parents proud."

True Mother later presented each top gun with a workshop graduation certificate. After which, they concluded their day with a short benediction and unison prayer.

### Closing ceremony reflections

#### Mr. Miyako Kenji, youth leader of the Fukuoka District:

Three days after the start of this Top Gun Workshop, my son was born. I had wanted to temporarily return to my wife and son but I realized that through this workshop I should nurture a heart of wanting to see True Parents more than my own son.

After I made that resolution, I experienced three types of transformation in my heart during the workshop. The first week was a period of repentance for me. Listening to the Principle, I repented for my ignorance of the Principle and the fact that I had offered nothing in return to True Parents. During the second week, gratitude filled me, especially after feeling the love and expectations of the first-generation couples that had proudly testified about their relationship with True Parents. The last week of the workshop was a time for affirming our resolution regarding our providential responsibility. It was a painful period because I found myself unable to make that resolution. During the prayer meeting after reading the final pages of *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, I had a revelation that the strength of second-generation members rested on the foundation of the first-generation members' faith. I could feel True Father, who passed away two years ago, gently nudging my back and telling me to go with him.

After the workshop, I went home

and met my son for the first time. I told him, "Son, I made a resolution in front of True Parents. Your father will follow this path. I want you to go with me!" I will strive to create a family that can follow this path from generation to generation.

### A Silleuksa Temple experience

#### Mr. Oyamada Moritada:

Through this Top Gun Workshop, I felt as if I were reborn through True Mother's womb. I experienced a great transformation in my heart during this short period. First, I was able to love my own parents and family. Until now, I had resented my parents and family for not being with me, because of their public missions, when I was facing difficulty and hard times. However, after receiving the blessing this year, through my partner I could feel my frozen heart beginning to thaw, and I learned how to affirm myself and have the heart to love others. Through this workshop, in particular I felt a sense of peace as if I were in True Mother's embrace. Through the Principle, I witnessed True Parents' greatness and rediscovered respect for my physical parents and emotions of love toward my siblings.

The second takeaway was that I could confirm a parent-child bond with True Parents. During the workshop, I struggled with the question "What is True Parents' realm of victory?" Suddenly I had the answer: "I am True Parents' realm of victory." After discovering this, I realized that I could not exist without True Parents and found myself engulfed both in tears of repentance and in boundless gratitude for the greatness of their love.

During the closing ceremony at Cheon Jeong Gung, when we went to pay our respects at Bonhyangwon, I finally realized that True Father was no longer with us on earth. I wept loudly in sorrow. I was ashamed of myself for not having offered anything in return to True Father's great love. I could only say, repeatedly, "Father, I am sorry." After this, making the pledge to fulfill what True Mother intends to do through me was not difficult. I will worry no more; wherever I am, I shall respond immediately to the call of True Parents, who have blessed and saved me. ㄹ

# The Chuhwa Cultural Festival

## Raising a New Generation of Leaders in Japan

By Ito Yasuaki

The Seonghwa Student Association provides spiritual guidance to second-generation middle school and high school students who are actively engaged in church activities. After Sunday service, seonghwa students come together to take part in a variety of cultural activities at the church to nurture their bonds of heart as brothers and sisters and as children of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The students are able to enrich their emotional experience as God's children and as brothers and sisters by creating a community through these cultural activities with their fellow second-generation Unificationists. The Seonghwa Student Associations throughout Japan cooperate in organizing the Chuhwa Cultural Festival each year. This year will mark the eighteenth time we are holding it.

### The theme: filial piety

The concept of "*chuhwa*" (中和) in the Chuhwa Cultural Festival means "harmony." This reflects our wish for those in the second-generation "realm," which includes young first-generation members, to unite through this cultural festival. This year's slogan is "Seonghwa students! Let us become the flag-bearers of the tradition of filial piety!" The central theme for this year's festival is "filial piety" with the goal to have young people become flag bearers in carrying on the spirit and tradition of filial piety and love for our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The Chuhwa Cultural Festival has four areas of competition—chart-style Divine Principle lecturing, public speaking, and traditional Divine Principle lectures for individual contestants, and entertainment for contestant groups.

Each year, during September and

October, student representatives are selected through a tournament in each church district. These district representatives go on to participate in regional tournaments. In November, district winners that had also won at their regional level go to their respective competition in either East Japan or West Japan. Through these two tournaments, we present awards to first-, second- and third-place winners in each area of competition. For most of the contenders, this level constitutes the national level.

For the Divine Principle lecture section, the top lecturers from the East Japan and West Japan tournaments compete in the National Seonghwa Student Divine Principle Lecture Tournament, which is broadcast to the churches in Japan through the internet. As students prepare for the Chuhwa Cultural Festival each year, they are able to nurture their character rooted in heart, contribute to the establishment of a community based in a culture of heart, and spread the spirit of living for the sake of others to their surroundings with the ultimate goal of disseminating Godism in this nation.

The West Japan Tournament of this year's National Chuhwa Cultural Festival was held on November 16, at the Izumino Municipal Culture Hall in Osaka, with more than 1,300 seonghwa students and parents in attendance. The skies were clear on that day, and the excitement of the seonghwa students filled the hall. After the opening ceremony, nine representatives from each region competed in the chart-style Divine Principle lecture contest, speech contest, and Divine Principle lecture contest.

For the middle school students' chart-style Divine Principle lecture

contest, presenters chose a portion from the summarized three-hour Divine Principle hoondok charts and gave a seven-minute lecture using PowerPoint slides. We expect them to have studied the Divine Principle and to be able to convey it in a way that would be easy for students of their age to understand. The presenters made the most of their knowledge to convey concisely the content while utilizing anecdotes and analogies in giving their presentations. Some presenters included their own family photos when explaining about God's purpose for the Creation, while calling on the audience to create true families centered on God's true love. Presenters gave lively and powerful lectures through which the results of their research and diligence were evident.

Speech contest contenders conveyed a testimony of their own experience growing up as a second-generation member while proudly testifying about our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, the Divine Principle, or about the details of their daily lives at home, church or school that shows how they understood and practiced True Parents' teachings. We give speakers seven minutes to inspire their fellow seonghwa students to have greater awareness and to strive for loftier goals in spreading the culture of heart.

Speakers share their personal experiences in overcoming struggles, while exhibiting hope as advance toward their dreams. What sometimes happens in their environment, such as quarrelling with their parents or encountering bullies at school, hurts. Some make effort to seek out God's love in order to overcome these challenges through the culture of heart and the spirit of living for the sake of



1 A student from Nara District presented flowers.  
 2 Takezawa Arisa's lecture was deemed best.  
 3 This year's speech contest winner, Egashira Yumi  
 4 The Okayama District's winning performance

others that they learned at their Seonghwa Student Association. Through this process, they grow in their faith, find confidence in addressing issues and dynamically take action in transforming their environments. Some of the speakers were in tears as they shared their personal experiences growing up.

One goal of the traditional Divine Principle lecture contest is to have lecturers learn how to be more active in conveying our teachings to young people their age. Lecturers gave ten-minute lectures. From the tone of their voices, their facial expressions and gestures, the lecturers invested everything to convey, through heart and body, their Divine Principle lectures, in order to touch the hearts of those in the audience. We could feel the results of repetition and practice to better understand and clearly express the Divine Principle through these lectures.

After these contests, the festival moved on to the main event—performances by nine teams of entertainers representing their regions. The entertainment is the most popular aspect of the Chuhwa Cultural Festival. The contestants' performances reflected the concept of filial piety, the festival's theme, and expressed pride and love for our Heavenly Parent and True Parents with the aim of moving the hearts of the audience. During the fifteen minutes each team had, students performed onstage using video presentations and background music that they had made on their own. The teams rendered a wide range of spectacular performances displaying their creativity through drama, dance, traditional plays and ensembles.


### Future festivals

The inspiration to hold the Chuhwa Cultural Festival came with the goal of it becoming an offering to the True Family. We invited Moon Yeon-ah nim from Hyo-jin nim's family to the East Japan Tournament in 2012, the West Japan Tournament in 2013 and the West Japan Tournament again this year. Yeon-ah nim gave the closing remarks after watching the speech competition, the Divine Principle lecture competition and the entertainment competition. In her address, Yeon-ah nim spoke about a speech entitled "The Way of the True Filial Son" that True Father had given on November 11, 1996, in Uruguay. She encouraged the seonghwa students to be proud of True Parents, to be proud of the fact that they are True Parents' children, and to carry on True Parents' true-love tradition of living for the sake of others to become the hope for the future.

During the closing ceremony, the judges announced the top three winners from each contest. When the judges called the name of an individual or team, students swelled up in joy as if their hearts had been released from the strain of making so much effort for this festival, while disappointment showed on the faces of others. First place for the chart-style Divine Principle lecture contest went to Takahashi Nanami, a middle school student from the North Aichi District, who lectured on the "Root of the Sin" from the "Human Fall." First place in the speech contest went to Egashira Yumi, a high school student from the Saga District, who gave a speech entitled "My Church History." She spoke

of her experience attending church services despite her parents' opposition to the church. She explained how she came to learn God's word and ended up participating in an overseas workshop after experiencing our brotherly and sisterly culture. First place for the traditional-method Divine Principle lecture contest went to Takezawa Arisa, a high school student from the Kagoshima District, who lectured on "The Power of Love, the Power of the Principle, and God's Commandment," from the "Human Fall." First place for the entertainment group contest went to the Seonghwa Student Association from the Okayama District that performed a play entitled, "The Path to Filial Piety: Our Starting Point Is in True Parents."

At the awards ceremony, Yeon-ah nim presented the winners with certificates and souvenirs. She shook hands with each person and posed in photographs with them as if to comfort them for their past hardships and to encourage them for their future.

These second-generation middle school and high school students today will all be young adults by 2020. These seonghwa students are the oncoming generation of leaders for the Unification movement. They are now at a stage where, through the Chuhwa Cultural Festival, they can actively aim to expand the culture of heart, not only to other second-generation members but also to the young people at their schools and in society. 

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# American Youth Spend a Day in Eden

In recent days, Dr. Kim Ki-hoon, regional president of North America, has said that True Mother describes his mission as raising North American youth. At a service in the US State of New Jersey, he said, “True Mother has invested her whole heart for the sake of the church—for the sake of future generations. This is an amazing investment, and I am seeing miracles around our nation and worldwide.... We need to understand that these future generations are the great hope for this country and the world. True Mother will be coming to Las Vegas this winter. Originally, she planned to have a forty-day outreach campaign there with young people. She wanted to bring three hundred young people and youth pastors to Las Vegas from Japan, Korea and Europe to train them. This forty-day campaign will be shortened to two weeks in order to accommodate the winter break for college students. They will start in Las Vegas with training from True Mother and her staff and then they will be sent to some major cities to reach out to people on the streets. Even though they may not have good outreach techniques or speak English well, True Mother wants to train them. Many young people do not have the benefit of the personal experiences with True Parents that their parents did.”

Since the God’s Hope for America

Holy Ground Pilgrimage, the American church has been gaining momentum and renewed tenacity to face the challenges inherent in working to build Cheon Il Guk within a nation of great size and complexity. Through the transcontinental bus tour (June 21–August 3) members traced the course True Father took as he established holy grounds—physical areas that our Heavenly Parent reclaimed under the authority of the returning Lord. The tour allowed members to empathize with True Father’s heart in the early days, when in contrast to the foundation of our movement in America, which was scant, True Father’s determination and vision—his living faith, was massive.

On September 20, American members came together to celebrate the whole of True Father’s life and forty years of True Parents’ mission in America at the National Memorial Celebration, honoring the second anniversary of True Father’s ascension. This event drew three thousand people.

Following the main event, among other meetings, a Youth Unificationist Leaders Gathering (YULG) occurred. Naturally, the president of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) in the US, Naokimi Ushiroda, took part in it. Mr. Ushiroda later explained that the meeting drew sixty young people that had come to “talk about all the different

ways they would like to contribute, to give honor to the founder and to continue his legacy.”

The meeting inspired productive conversations on ways to improve our community with the tools we have at hand. The consensus was that more opportunities to meet and brainstorm on these topics were needed.

Answering the call, the USA National Ministry Team organized “Brunch at the Garden” on November 1, 2014. The team had designed this all-day event at East Garden, the True Family’s residence in the years that True Parents lived in America, as an opportunity for young adult Unificationists to come together and to address concerns and hopes for the future of our church community. Mr. Demian Dunkley, director of Evangelism for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, facilitated ten tables of small group discussions over a delicious brunch. Each group brainstormed to find clear, tangible and relevant ways to put our faith into action. Feedback was collected from every table and a live analysis of the discussion was projected on a screen for all to see.

Following these two discussion sessions, Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of FFWPU in the United States, shared his own experiences at East Garden with True Father, and encouraged everyone to carry True Father’s



Over brunch at East Garden, active young members discussed three main topics:  
 1) Our concerns and challenges in the community 2) Our hopes and dreams for the future  
 3) What do we personally want to do to contribute to the culture that we want to see?  
**Right:** Regional President Kim gives faith guidance.  
 National President Balcomb testifies about True Parents.

spirit during the meeting. “Find True Father as a real man,” he said. “A man who faced difficulties that we face, challenges that we face. Sometimes he stumbled but never fell, because God was so real to him. He knew, ‘I can’t stop. I can’t give in, because God is relying on me.’ I want you to have that kind of experience.”

Dr. Kim offered spiritual guidance and encouraged the young adult crowd to continue to share their great ideas. “With True Parents’ ideals we have great hope to build a community that will be the hope of America and the hope of the world. I believe that you are here on that foundation, and that foundation has moved your heart to come here today for the sake of True Parents. With this kind of spirit, and with this kind of gathering, you can have the greatest ideas that we never heard before. This gathering can be the engine and moving force to change. For change to happen, we have to work together. If there is no change in one month, continue to share your ideas, your prayers and your spiritual power to act. In the future you will see and feel a difference.”

East Garden’s main room was packed with over eighty Unificationists between the ages of eighteen and forty. The decorations in the room helped it live up to its name, a garden of flowers on each table with pebbles

and candlelight. The most vibrant and beautiful sights were the people gathered from near and far, hugging old friends and mingling with new ones. It was clear that the best and brightest in our midst, those who are truly passionate about making a difference, were in the same room where much of True Parents’ ministry in America took place.

“I thought it was very powerful to discuss who we are as Unificationists, what we are standing for, where we want to go and what we are offering to the world,” remarked Idris Coney, who participated along with his family.


The discussion on hopes and the outlook of our community yielded three top responses: creating an attractive culture that guests would feel inspired by, making a significant impression on the world, and creating a solid and unified identity.

The second half of the day focused on providing opportunities to get involved in current ministries. Participants brainstormed and learned about initiatives presented by Crescentia DeGoede, director of the Blessing and Family Ministry (BFM); Kaeleigh Moffitt, director of the National Youth Ministry as well as by Director Dunkley and President Ushiroda. The interactive feedback was productive and it empowered everyone to take a step forward in

being an active creator of our culture.

“I know that more of this has to happen if we want move forward,” said Ms. DeGoede. “More of this kind of connection, more of people stepping out of themselves and into relationships with each other and supporting one another. Being here today, I could feel that it’s happening and we are going to make a difference. It’s not necessarily going to be huge right away, but it’s going to happen through relationships, interaction, and connection. I see little ripples growing into waves and impacting every community.”

More opportunities are planned for young adult involvement this December. There will be a conference on December 20 and 21, 2014 introducing the Cranes Club, along the lines of the Lion’s Club, this is a new networking and public service initiative introduced by True Mother for young Unificationist working professionals. Participants can also join True Mother for the special worship service and Christmas Party on Sunday December 21, 2014.

If you are a young Unificationist looking to get involved, keep an eye out for more opportunities in the future, and best of luck with your local projects! 

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# Moving Together toward Cheon Il Guk

## A personal testimony from the national leader of the Czech Republic

By Martine Masner

*Fresh ideas can emerge from interacting with those who see the world from a different perspective. With that in mind, we invited the writer, a woman national leader who is not a native of the country she leads, to contribute her story to this issue.*



Martine (far right) with STF members she had invited to the Czech Republic.

I was born in France in 1962. In 1987, I met my spiritual mother in San Francisco, in the United States. After the two-day Divine Principle workshop, I joined CARP. At that moment, I felt that I had finally reached my destination. (I was at that time doing a world trip, looking for something that could change my life and give hope to others.) For eight years, I followed the Formula Course in American CARP. These years planted seeds in me, to be able to keep going, no matter what the situation is.

At that time, we were blessed to receive lots of guidance from a hundred Japanese CARP leaders that Father had sent to the US. I must say, the internal guidance that we received to support us in our challenges were so profound and so aligned with the Divine Principle that they helped me to grow and to go beyond my Christian

concepts. In 1992, I was blessed to another CARP member; he was from Czechoslovakia and had also joined US CARP.

### Russia and then Prague

I also had the privilege to attend many of True Father's sermons at Belvedere. At that time, the focus was to educate Russian young people with Divine Principle. In 1994, my husband and I went for a year as missionaries to Russia, where we could see the foundation that our movement had made in just a few years after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In 1996, we moved to my husband's hometown, Prague, in the Czech Republic. His family had emigrated in 1968, after they lost hope because of the Russian invasion during the Prague Spring. After settling down, starting to have children and

developing a business, I became the Prague Church leader in 2005 through a lottery conducted by our national messiah. At that time, the Czech Republic was going through a difficult time, because we lacked both a national leader and a Prague church leader. The church also had financial problems. I felt God calling me; I had to do something for the nation. Just a few weeks later, in September 2005, we heard that True Parents were coming to our nation on their world tour for the UPF inauguration. Everybody was shocked; quickly, we had to pull ourselves together in order to organize the event successfully. A young national leader was appointed from Slovakia at that time.

In July 2006, True Mother came on her speaking tour, and in September, the True Grandchildren came. These events helped us develop determination to reach goals, to set up conditions to unite with our True Parents, and to move the providence forward.

In 2007, our regional president asked me to become the national leader. I must say that accepting this position was one of the hardest decisions I had to make in my life. I knew that if I said yes, I would have to overcome many challenges. Also, I felt that it is not entirely natural for a woman to be the national leader.

### Kingly encouragement

One day, I had a spiritual experience as I was walking in the park where we have our national holy ground is. As I was coming closer to the Prague



Castle, I suddenly had the feeling that the past kings stood aligned and were looking at me passing by. One king, Charles IV (1346–1378), who is known as the father of the Czech nation suddenly spoke to my heart. He tried to encourage me, telling me not to worry, that I would have support and that he himself also had had to come from France to help this nation. This gave me internal energy. I felt support from the good spiritual world. That feeling has remained until today.

### Revitalization

One of the challenges that the Czech Republic was facing was that for so many years no new members had joined the movement. After the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989, so many bright young people had joined. But at some point, came difficulties and division, just as in the Czech history with the first conflict between Catholics and Protestants.

At first, I felt that I had to make this church a happy church, so I invested effort to make it warm and friendly. Also, we found ways to recover from our debts, by reevaluating everything:

spending, properties, etc. Gradually, we could solve issues. By now, we have an FFWPU Council of twelve members plus the national leader; six are appointed based on their missions and the general membership elects six for two-year terms. The council convenes four times a year, and it is working well.


### Going back to my roots

Next, I felt that we need young people again joining our movement; like new blood that will give hope to others. One day, one sister came from another town—České Budějovice. She told me that she wants to support me in rebuilding CARP in this nation. I made it an immediate priority. We sold the national car, and with that money, we created a small CARP Center. The first days were not easy. We needed to overcome a spiritual wall. We invited the Special Task Force (STF) to work with us, and we started to witness on campuses and on the streets. The first new member joined, and then the next came and more came. They are bright and high-quality young people. Some of them are studying for doctorate de-

grees; others are accomplished artists.

### We are advancing

Today, CARP exists again in our nation, and the way is open for young first-generation members to meet True Parents. Since they came to our church, everything has brightened. At our Sunday services, we have music now from our Music Ministry band. Street witnessing and Divine Principle workshops are going on again. Czech CARP also uses nice lecture rooms available at different universities free of charge. They are giving there public lectures on various topics, and later inviting guests to the Center to study Divine Principle. Now I remember that in the beginning it was difficult for many of our members to believe that young people could again join in our nation.

When the Pope visited the Czech Republic a few years ago, he said that this nation is the most atheistic nation in the world. Yet, our faith and perseverance has paid off.... Of course, we have to broaden our foundation more, but we can say that the dream, to have new young people joining our church, has come true! 

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# Making Headway in Hometown Witnessing

By Barbara Grabner



After nearly forty years away from home, Barbara (right) reconnecting with her cousins in Austria.

I spend most of the year in Bratislava, in the birthplace and hometown of my husband Milos Klas. We spend the school holidays in my parents' house in a village south of Salzburg, Austria. When my mother died in 2005, we started to care for the house, which our son Laurenc inherited. While there, we visit my relatives, with whom I have had little contact since I joined the church in 1976. They all live in villages more or less distant from my parents' home. I searched continuously for possibilities how to witness to them. Mountain hiking has proved a good means to build up some level of relationship.

Though there has been considerable help from my liberated ancestors, the interest of my cousins is limited either because they are devout Catholics or simply suspicious of any new teachings. A few of them

drank the holy wine, some accepted True Father's autobiography. The book has been a real blessing. My uncle Georg, the only one of my mother's sibling still living, was so touched that he wrote an e-mail praising True Father after Father's ascension—a true miracle, since Uncle Georg supported my mother's attempts to get me out of the movement when I joined.

### Unexpected possibilities arise

After a few years and several trials, I became desperate. I doubted the purpose of witnessing in this rich and beautiful environment, where people seemed to lack nothing. Suddenly good spirits opened a gate. During the summer of 2012, some friends repeatedly asked me, "Have you visited the Tannhauser Museum?" The museum, which documents rural life, was founded by Inge Pichler, the au-

thor of a nice book about local history. My mother had donated a spinning wheel and my baby carriage to the museum.

I was hesitant, but since there few other people I could witness to, I challenged good luck and went with my Laurenc to visit the museum and speak to her. We met. Her dark eyes were sparkling and she had a lot to say. A short time later, I gave her *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. That was in August 2012. True Father was already in the hospital. I explained a bit about his spiritual capacities and mission to her. At first glance, she liked the expression of his face on the cover and said, "He seems to have a very good character." I lacked the courage to visit her again soon. What would she say about the book's message?

A year later, in the summer of 2013, I mustered enough courage to visit



Barbara, who was spiritual even as a child, spoke on "The Spirits of the Past—Are They Still with Us?"



her again. Inge was sitting with a guest on a bench in front of her house. She welcomed me warmly. She spoke in a friendly manner about True Father—how he had suffered and what he achieved, so that her visitor wanted to buy the book on the spot. Fortunately, I had some copies with me. He paid the double the price. My Uncle Georg leads a well-known civic movement. Both Inge and Georg have been labelled by Catholic circles as "sectarians," because they open their facilities to people with unorthodox views.

Inge volunteered to display the autobiography on her book table. Whenever there is a presentation and the lecturer seems to be open-minded, she gives him the book as a gift. Last November, my husband introduced to her to the Divine Principle chapter "Resurrection." Inge asked if we wanted to give a lecture at her museum. I agreed enthusiastically. Among possible topics she selected "The Spirits of the Past—Are They Still with Us?" She reserved July 22, as the date and advertised my lecture in the Tannhauser Museum calendar of events.

### Preparations for the event

I felt that this was a good opportunity to reach out to my cousins, and I hoped for the support of my liberated aunts and uncles in the spirit world. At the end of June, I started to send them e-mail, and made phone calls to announce the event. Additionally, I started to make cycling tours of the surrounding area to invite friends from my childhood. I stopped on the road even for people I did not know but who seemed "special." Their response was surprisingly favorable—a good topic surely, they said. I laid

prayer and bowing conditions and hoped for the best. Inge told me that generally a dozen people attend such events. I fervently prayed to have at least twenty guests.

D-day came, a very rainy, gloomy day. I felt so sleepy. Only a few relatives had promised to come, among them the well-known and long-time mayor of Abtenau, 155 kilometers away. He drove me to the museum. My husband was in Bratislava because he had to welcome Mrs. Moon Lan-young, a Cheon Il Guk special emissary, who was visiting at that time. I had prepared well but I was nervous. From the Salzburg church community only our brother, Friedrich, had promised to come and bring some guests. My prayers intensified; I trembled as the people started to arrive at the Tannhauser Museum and began to sigh, "Oh, my God!"

The farmhouse kitchen where the lecture was to take place has a capacity of up to thirty seats. Fifteen minutes before starting time, the seats were taken. My son counted almost forty people at 8:00 pm. Inge was busy and appeared happy because people had to pay €5 entrance fee. She introduced me briefly and warmly, and then I had to face the demanding audience. A carefully prepared draft of the lecture, which I had read aloud at home several times, gave me the confidence to speak freely. I showed some books related to my lecture, and then I talked about the influence of ancestors in our lives, genetically as well as through fortune or inherited sins. I explained restoration through indemnity and the meaning of karma and then I contrasted the concept of reincarnation and restoration through the return of spirits. I spoke a bit about the libera-

tion of ancestors and purification of one's bloodline. I mixed all that with vivid examples from my life with my husband and our experiences.

Inge had warned me beforehand that guests usually interrupt the lecturer and start to debate among themselves. She described giving the lecture as a difficult business, but even after ninety minutes of lecturing, it was so quiet in the room; people just stared at me, a few smiled in a friendly way at points I had made or when they raised their heads. I became worried over whether or what they understood and whether they accepted anything I said. When I stopped and asked if they had questions, just a few raised their hands.

### The heartwarming response

When my lecture finally finished, Inge stood up, applauded and hugged me saying that it was an excellent lecture. She hopes that next year I shall give another presentation at the museum. Some guests told me that they appreciated the explanations a lot and that they want me to visit them to explain things in more detail.

In the following days, I heard more encouraging responses. More guests had come than had attended any other event at the museum. Our brother Friedrich, who had brought three women, said that they were deeply impressed. One said that it was fascinating, and that she "could have listened for many more hours." Among the guests were people with remarkable healing powers. My goal is to give them the autobiography, which is a tool to test if a person is narrow-minded or open to receive a message from True Parents. This is my condition for further cooperation. ♪

# Youth Convene in a Nation Rich in Culture

“Good news for all of us who are in the city of Medan!” began an internet message sent in advance of the International Youth Convention (IYC) that brought together more than three thousand young people on October 8. To attract Indonesian students, it appealed to their deep desire to connect to people from abroad: The speakers came from Korea, America, Germany and Japan. Dozens of participants from abroad will attend the event! So you also have the opportunity to develop relationships with them, and interact to improve your English language skills.”

Medan is a major city of more than 2 million inhabitants on the island of Sumatra, which alone (among Indonesia’s six thousand inhabited islands) is home to forty-six million people. Indonesian youth in Medan, who have been described as “college-educated, trendy and well-traveled,” responded well.

The International Youth Convention took place at *Universitas Sumatera Utara* (the University of North Sumatra, USU). USU is a highly developed institution of higher learning with faculties of Medicine, Law, Mathematics, Political Science, Public Health, Pharmacy, Psychology and Nursing, among others. It also operates a teaching hospital. Several other institutions, especially the *Universitas Negeri Medan* (State University of Medan or Uni-Med, whose motto is “The character building university”), collaborated in this event and greatly contributed to its marvelous success.

In the early morning of October 8, over three thousand students lined up to enter USU’s main auditorium for the International Youth Convention on the theme “Young People of Character—The Hope of the Future,” co-hosted by the Universal Peace Federation of Indonesia (UPF-Indonesia) and *Universitas Sumatera Utara* (USU).

## No room whatsoever

Since the auditorium has a maximum seating capacity of fewer than two thousand, many students chose to sit in the aisles throughout the program rather than having to turn away. What was the attraction? Almost a hundred



- 1 The International Youth Convention at the University of North Sumatra
- 2 Nearly two thousand students pledge to remain pure
- 3 Eighty people attended the workshop following the event.

participants from thirteen different countries attended this youth convention in addition to several UPF keynote speakers from various countries, who addressed critical issues for young people today.

After rousing opening remarks by Dr. Raja Bonsu Hutagalung, vice-rector of USU, Dr. Robert Kittel, education director of UPF-Asia, asked all young people present to remain pure until marriage as the foundation for a happy married life in the future. The students responded emphatically making a Pledge of Purity guided by two young people, Ms. Elvi and Mr. Giscard. Dr. Yong Chung-sik, chairman of UPF Asia, introduced UPF's core principles of peace based on Father Moon's motto, "Let us live for the sake of others." The audience responded well to his powerful explanation that giving precedes receiving in order to establish true, loving relationships. Mrs. Ursula McLackland, secretary general of UPF Asia, expanded on this concept in her presentation on "Raising Public-Minded Leaders" asking the young people to become model leaders by putting public interests above private matters. The vice-governor of the Province of North Sumatra, Tengku Erry Nuradi, is a graduate Faculty of Engineering, University of North Sumatra, who worked as a young man for some years in Japan. The governor had rushed from a previous engagement in order to learn about UPF and he acknowledged the value of UPF's principles of peace in his address.

All the presentations were interspersed with cultural presentations, such as song and dance by talented students from Uni-Med and a renowned Indonesian country singer (an aficionado of American country music). These performances were crowned with several martial arts demonstrations in order to keep the young audience engaged throughout the program. Mr. Saito Hajime, secretary general of UPF Indochina and instructor in three different martial arts, explained the value of practicing martial arts for the sake of character building. Afterward, students of the Unified Martial Arts (Tongil Moodo), Aikido, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Merah Putih (Pencak Silat-an, indigenous Indonesian martial art form) gave aston-

ishing demonstrations.

### Recognizing peacemakers

The program concluded with the presentation of certificates recognizing twenty members of faculties at collaborating institutions as ambassador for peace and another twenty recognizing outstanding students from Indonesia and other participating nations as collegiate ambassador for peace. The ensuing photo session with Dr. Yong and other UPF leaders and Indonesian youngsters who wished to have their photo taken with the international dignitaries was an experience not to be missed.

Four newspapers and a local television station reported supportively on this International Youth Conference. They especially stressed the importance for those in the younger generation to keep their purity and respect family values—concepts very close to the heart of Indonesian parents and teachers but ones fast eroding among young people; they are some of the more pernicious aspects of otherwise generally helpful trends of modernization and globalization.

### Harmonizing afterward

Following the IYC, more than a hundred and twenty participants celebrated its success at the Old Tree Garden Restaurant the same evening. This was an opportunity for the over seventy Indonesian student volunteers that had assisted our convention to bond more deeply with the foreign participants and for UPF to recognize the young Indonesians' contributions and efforts for the success of the event. Dr. Yong presented each of them with an international volunteer certificate during the celebration.

Afterward, eighty-five participants, from within and without Indonesia, moved to the Cinta Alam Retreat Center for a four-day workshop, which included teaching the Divine Principle from multireligious perspectives, and a day of adventure and training spent climbing Mt. Sibayak, a nearby active volcano. For many of the participants, it was their first opportunity to listen to the entire course of the Divine Principle, while for others, it was a revision to give them a deeper understanding of this central text. Dr. Yong's passionate explanations of the



4 New ambassadors for peace


5 Collegiate ambassadors for peace

meaning of true love and the need to sacrifice in order to experience true love in one's life seemed to have made deep impressions on all the participants.

### Some reflections on the workshop

Mrs. Shanta Venugopal, the Religious Youth Service director from Malaysia, said that though she had joined many UPF events before, she had never understood Father Moon's teachings and life-style as deeply before. She was very grateful for this opportunity to attend the workshop after the IYC.

Brother Winson, a member of the Asian Leadership Training (ALT) course from Malaysia, said, "I am so happy to see my Muslim brothers from Malaysia have the opportunity to study Divine Principle and learn about True Father here. This would not have been possible in Malaysia."

Ms. Hillery Sitanggang, a CARP member in Medan, reflected, "I heard Dr. Yong's lecture. It made me cry all night. He said, 'Don't say you love God but you don't love your nation. Loving your nation means you would sacrifice your life for your nation, for the world. It's very clear... God, you have waited for me for a long time. I have no reason to make you wait again, to make you look for another person. I want to sacrifice my life for you, my Heavenly Parent and True Parents.'" 

*This was based on material produced by Mrs. Ursula McLackland.*

# Providential Initiatives in a Mountainous Land

*This article was based on reports by Prakash Babu Thapa, president YFWP-Nepal, and Dr. Robert Kittel, Education Director, UPF-Asia. It covers several events organized and carried out by Nepalese members in November.*



Sixty collegiate ambassadors for peace in Nepal



People at the event came from the nations that these flags represent

“The messages delivered by all the speakers were inspiring. They touched my heart. I hope this kind of program can reach every corner of the nation!” exclaimed the principal of Bhanubhakta College following International Youth Convention 2014 in Kathmandu, Nepal, on November 7. Mr. Bam Bahadur Moktan continued, “I realized it is a very important message, not only for me but also for all my staff members as well as the students of my college. It was truly beneficial.”

World CARP and the Youth Federation for World Peace sponsored the student convention. They had invited

only twenty of the top students from each of sixty of the most prominent colleges in the Kathmandu valley. In addition to those students, prominent societal figures, our national leaders from the region, Nepal CARP members and entertainers came, altogether one thousand five hundred people attended.

The theme was straightforward, “Youth for Nation-Building: Public Mindedness and Sexual Purity,” and the material presented was well received.

The coordinator of the V.S. Niketen College, Mr. Shree Krishna Bista, said that the topic was especially significant in this age of sexual misinforma-

tion. “The theme of the program itself was very important. I liked Dr. Kittel’s presentation; it was so wonderful. Dr. Yong Chung-sik delivered his keynote address in simple English. It touched my heart deeply. In the future if anything is needed, I am ready to help this organization.”

We appointed the students as UPF collegiate ambassadors for peace and each of the sixty principals as an ambassador for peace. We will invite the principals and their spouse to Bangkok next month, December 11–15, to study the Divine Principle and participate in the Blessing Ceremony. We will show them our tribal messiah foundation in Thailand and government officials from the Ministry of Education will give presentations.

Ek Nath Dhakal, our brother who is a member of Nepal’s Constituent Assembly (Nepal’s parliament) encouraged the young people. He explained to them that to build a new Nepal required both public laws and moral laws. The police can check compliance with the law but morality and ethics have to be self-regulated; thus, we require good education so that everyone is single-minded, clear-minded and strong on this issue.

Yamada Yutaka, president of YFWP and W-CARP Asia, told the young people, “You can build a nation of peace if you become leaders who are public-minded.” Mr. Yamada, who is also our national leader in Malaysia says that he always feels hope on seeing Nepalese young people.

Our recently appointed national leader in Nepal is Rev. Santosh Paudel. He encouraged the students

to keep a high moral standard because this would decide the destination of the Nepal as a nation.

Concluding his remarks he said, "Nepalese are one family beyond race, religion, ethnicity and caste."

President Yong of our Asia region, as well as one of True Parents' emissaries to the region, spoke passionately to the students:

Your enemy is not your neighbor. Your enemy is not someone from a different ethnic group, nation or religion. Your biggest enemy is within you—the struggle to be unselfish—to be public-minded.... Keeping sex within marriage is not only safest, it is also an expression of being public-minded. If you really care about your partner, you will not have sex until you are married. Later in life, if you really love your husband or wife, you will not have sex with anyone else. If you really care for your children, you will set this standard of sexual purity for them to follow.

Mr. Prakash Babu Thapa, president YFWP-Nepal, said that he wanted to build a patriotic youth movement. Referring to the theme of the convention, he told students, "Public-mindedness and sexual purity are the basic principles needed to bring happiness and peace to Nepal."

India, Nepal's southern neighbor, was well represented. Dr. Udit Raj a social activist and member of India's Lok Sabha (House of the People, the lower House of Parliament) and Mr. Krishna Venkatesh Rajan, erstwhile Indian ambassador to Nepal, attended the event. They encouraged the youth of Nepal to shun violence and maintain a public lifestyle in order to become leaders that can build a new nation.

Two second-generation Unificationist students, a Korean and a Nepalese, led the audience in the Pure Love Pledge. Shouting at the top of their voices, students followed Mr. Yong Yoo-shin, son of the president of our Asia region, and Sara Ali Chitrakar, the oldest member of our Nepalese second generation, who pledged to "refrain from all sexual relationships before marriage and outside marriage."

At the end of the first part of the convention, the seven-point Kathmandu Declaration, signed by convention delegates, was presented to the convention. CARP-Nepal president, Mr. Rupsingh Bhandari read the declaration:

1. We agree that public mindedness and sexual purity are the keys to establishing a culture of peace and to aid nation building.

2. We recommended that the government provide character and moral education to youths and students.

3. We agree that filial piety is the foundation of patriotism.

4. We demand that educational institutions be proclaimed peaceful zones.

5. We demand that the government have policies and vision for youth that put them in creative work.

6. We agree to establish an international youth network for the exchange of ideas and best practices.

7. We agree to promote Nepal as our home and that all Nepalese are one family.

#### **The Parliamentarians Peace Council**

When we launched the Parliamentarians Peace Council (PPC), the chief guest was Speaker of the Constituent Assembly Subash Nembang, a member of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified-Marxist-Leninist). A former general secretary of the national bar, he entered national politics when he was appointed Law and Justice minister by Nepal's first democratically elected prime minister in 1994. Assemblyman Nembang was also the man that invited True Mother to Nepal as a guest of government during her global Mother-Son Peace Tour in 2006.

In fact, Assemblyman Dhakal, had only invited the House Speaker only the day before. Astonished, Speaker Nembang said, "In all my time as House Speaker no one has ever given me an invitation to be chief guest on such short notice." To which Assemblyman Dhakal replied, "Perhaps because we are so close. We are so close; we are really like a family." The Speaker accepted.

The PPC is a group of Constituent Assembly members that was organized by Nepal's Cheon Il Guk special

envoy, the same Ek Nath Dhakal. Forty-seven members of Nepal's Constituent Assembly are members of the PPC. Twenty-six attended the launching, including one member of India's parliament. In the speech given by Rev. Yong, he invited Speaker Nembang to lead a high-level delegation to the Summit of Asian Leaders to Manila in February 2015. Mr. Robert Kittel, True Parents' special emissary to the Asia region with a particular emphasis on education, spoke on sustainable peace.

#### **Chitwan Blessing Ceremony**

At the beginning of month, Dr. Yong and Dr. Kittel flew to Chitwan, in southeast Nepal. The word "chitwan" means "heart of the jungle" and the area is best known for its large national park. The leaders of Chitwan, Ram and Reiko Gaywali, have blessed more than 430 couples, ninety-five of whom have gone through the three-day ceremony. They had organized a Blessing Ceremony for a hundred and fifty couples on that day.

The flight to Chitwan was three hours late, yet everyone waited patiently for their arrival. Among those waiting were two former government ministers and religious leaders—even a Muslim leader who brought his wife and received the blessing with holy juice.

Dr. Kittel gave two presentations, one providing blessing education, and the other to explain the significance of the indemnity stick procedure, which the couples went through after their Blessing Ceremony that day. Dr. Kittel related an exchange indicative of the faith of those that have accepted True Parents in Nepal. "To the blessing couples, I explained clearly about True Father as the Tenth Avatar, from a Principle viewpoint supported by quotes from Hindu religious scriptures. Nevertheless, the president of UPF in Chitwan scolded me afterwards. 'You did not proclaim True Father as the Avatar strong enough. You have to repeat it many times,' he said. I was so happy! Never before in all my life in the church has anyone disciplined me for this reason. In Nepal, we have to proclaim True Parents strongly and repeatedly otherwise our ambassadors for peace get upset! Unbelievable." ☸

# A Closer Look at Tribal Messiah Success

*Our last issue included an article by the wife in a Filipino tribal messiah couple that have witnessed to 430 families. Since True Parents have been emphasizing tribal messiah work as our primary mission, we sought details about the methods used to achieve this success in an interview of the tribal messiah and of another person, who behind the scenes supported the tribal messiah couple in their work. The following is the text of both interviews.*



**True Peace magazine: Please introduce yourself to our readers.**

**Tribal Messiah:** I am AnnaLiza Cocos-Lopez. In the Philippines they call me Pops, because when I was young, I liked to eat popcorn. My husband is Francis Lopez. He is forty-three years old. I am forty-six. We have two daughters, one born in 2001 and the other two years later. At that time, our mission was in the northern part of the Philippines, in Ilocos Norte, Laoag City, where we stayed for almost three years before going to Manila. They shuffled us to another place before we went to Antipolo when I was assigned to teach children in our school. I taught third-grade pupils from 2007 to 2010. From the time I took on the tribal messiah mission, I decided to do some business so that I could control my time and at the same time do the mission.

When we received the direction to fulfill the mission of tribal messiahs, my husband wondered how we could

do it, because we did not have the money. Ever since we became fulltime members, we have sometimes done business at the same time to support our mission. I always tell my husband to focus on just lecturing and I would work to raise funds in the morning, which keeps us going and is a way we can support our mission.

At that time, I had stopped teaching almost a year earlier, because through teaching we earned money but not enough, and I could not witness because I was confined in the classroom. Along with this, I could not pay my children's tuition fees. I had to do something to pay for our children's school needs.

My husband was continuously giving lectures. He was teaching in the International Peace Leadership College (IPLC). It is True Parents' school. After almost six months, I decided to ask him to stop teaching and help me in the tribal messiah area because I really need a lecturer. I am not a good lecturer. I am not a good at speaking in English, but I can do mobilization. My talent is to approach people in low-level areas. We chose a poor area. Nobody wanted to go there because the area always floods when hit by typhoons or other storms. Other tribal messiahs went to other places.

When we received this direction to reach 430 families, I told myself to look for a place nobody else wanted to go. Two sisters had a foundation in that area, so I asked, Can I join you? We can make a trinity. We went there and agreed that we would start in the area where in the past the most people had received the holy wine during house-to-house visits. We wanted to

follow up on those couples who had already had the holy wine. These two sisters, Aunty Bet and Aunty Joanne knew the place and that a long time ago, perhaps 2005, people responded to the house-to-house holy wine blessing. So, "Yeah, maybe we should go there," though they had said that some part of the area often floods.

**How did you connect with community leaders in your witnessing area?**

We wanted to meet the leaders; we often tried to meet them but the barangay captain, the village leader, was usually not there. We just began our work. After a few days, we were able to meet the barangay captain. He told us, "Oh you are now asking my permission, but you have already gone to the area without my knowledge."

I was sorry but I felt such great eagerness for witnessing in my heart, knowing that we had only until January; only a few months to reach the 13,000 needed to fill the Araneta Stadium for the Peace Blessing Ceremony. We had worked for a week. Having a goal motivates me to bring candidates for the blessing. The national headquarters asked us to report every day. Of course, I reported our result, candidates for the Peace Blessing Ceremony. In that week, we had been able to reach more than 1,200.

When we had a meeting at the Antipolo mobilization headquarters, I saw that they had a chart monitoring the mobilization. We had the highest results. I hadn't known that someone had been writing our results on a bulletin board.

The national leader and the re-



gional president were following our results. Then they sent us twelve people to multiply results in our area. They were from IPLC and were in a 120-day workshop. Part of their training was witnessing. We needed to accommodate them and because we already had people mobilizing in the area, I put them into the neighboring barangays. Because they sent us mobilizers, we had to add to our area. We added three neighboring barangays. We divided the mobilizers into different teams under a leader from IPLC.

We continuously went house to house. Sometimes people tell me, "House to house is too tiring." I saw mobilizers very tired in the evening reporting. You could see in on their faces. So I thought we need to reach out the leaders. We tried to contact the barangay leaders or the village leaders. We made relationships first; we did not give the Divine Principle immediately.

We have a team to make a relationship with the barangay captains. I assign team leaders to lead other mobilizers in the four barangays doing every street, block to block. On every block is a team leader to do the mobilization quickly, to saturate the area.

I make a good relationship with the village heads, serving them and their families.... We try to clean their houses. We make a relationship first. We do not give the Divine Principle or any other lectures.

If we make an appointment for lectures, we gather people in one place in the barangay and teach them the five principles of peace, to invite them to the blessing. [UPF's five principles of peace: We are one human family created by God. The highest achievements of men and women are rooted in spiritual and moral development. The family is the school of love and peace. We foster peace through dialogue and cooperation. Service is the foundation of reconciliation.]

After that, we introduce some part of the Divine Principle. We use a brochure introducing the Principle. A picture of True Parents is in the brochure. People look and ask who they are. We introduce our True Parents through the brochures that we use during the mobilization.

Most of the people in the area are



An event in the barangay hall: The support of the barangay captain and the response of the Marikina City residents were results of hard work to build close relationships.

interested to hear about true love, about True Parents and about how True Parents formed a family, an ideal family. That helps us make relationships with families.

Sometimes we bring some food to a family, because the area is very poor. If you could see their homes—so shabby, and many children playing without toys... Every time we go there, we make sure we have at least candies to give.

I have my daughters and other mobilizers mobilize couples, especially wives, to be in the area for a lecture. After we gather people to receive a lecture, I call my husband. While my husband gives the lecture, we go to another block to prepare another set for lectures. That's how we reached the goal. On every block, before the lecturer comes, we prepare the area; gather most of the people there. We win the hearts of the wives; we become friends. We take good care of the children while their mothers are at the lecture. Then the parents are happy to see somebody taking care of their children. The children busy playing. We teach them games. We teach them holy songs and other songs.

We also give them free toys. We go to a store to ask for free toys just to give to the children, because in our area, we didn't have any support financially at first. I always think about how to get something to give. The owners of the toys stores also give. That really gives me happiness because, Oh my God, it is possible to do this!

The parents are very happy to see their children with toys and see somebody taking care of them. When we

see children that are very dirty, we even give them a bath and later bring some clothes for them to wear. To people in the Philippines, if you give something, they are very happy especially in the poor area. That is our secret.

#### **Were the barangay captains aware that you were doing this for a religious purpose?**

We also brought the barangay captains into the Blessing Ceremony. After the blessing, we've continuously been developing our relationships with them. They have their own schedules for meeting people. The barangay captains and leaders are very busy because they have their own projects, too. What I do and other mobilizers always do is to connect with the key people in the barangay. I always send Father's words to their cellphones and I make appointments to see them.

I am very close with the barangay captain in my area. He is a single man. I've often visited his office and shared. He also attended some seminars. He attended the ILC. After attending the ILC, I got his reflection. I always write to ask, Oh, what is your reflection? That captain is gay, actually, but he is a very supportive of my mission, and he is very smart. He is very good at managing time and managing people. Every time he calls people, people come. Oh!, I thought, this man is very good; I can use him in my witnessing.

So I made a very good relationship with him. I treat him as my son. He is a tall man, very tall. Every time I give a direction, even at the last minute...



Front row, left to right: Stephen Gabb, Constance Gabb, Francis Gomez Lopez and Annaliza Cocos Lopez after testifying to students at Universal Peace Academy.

Oh captain, we have an activity, can you help me do the mobilization? Oh, he says, I have an appointment. Okay, I say, I'll go to another barangay. He says, Oh, no, no, no! I want my people to receive the blessing.

I always speak about the blessing, the blessing's fortune. If you have True Parents, you also have fortune. I always tell him that if you have the heart of living for the sake of others, you have fortune. So, he is afraid that the area will be left behind without the blessing. He wants the area to be blessed. That makes us very close. Even late at night, he calls, Where are you?

I say, Why? I am doing something.

Can you come to my office tomorrow? A couple fighting and I cannot give internal guidance because I am single.

So the following day, I go to his office to explain and teach the couple to love each other—because he is a single man. Now whenever that kind of problem arises in his barangay, he tells me "I am 'off' of this problem. I can manage many projects but not husbands and wives; that's all yours." That keeps me coming to his office.

**Does he have a particular feeling about the Unification philosophy, about True Parents?**

Yeah! He received the Divine Principle. He attended the ILC during the Araneta Peace Blessing Ceremony. The Blessing was about to start at four o'clock. At three o'clock we were still bringing his people to the stadium while he was attending the seminar in the Manila Hotel. I called him: Cap-

tain Ziffred, we lack transportation.

Oh don't worry I'll call all my *tanods* (these are assistant) all my assistants and will provide transportation. Just give me the gasoline fee he said. Until this time, I did not pay because he already understood the meaning of the blessing. That's my offering, he would said.

He was in the seminar and he was mobilizing over the telephone to help people go to the blessing. During the seminar, he was always saying, Oh, God created only man and woman. He began to realize that God only created a man and woman, but he is gay. He was realizing, Oh, my God! I am committing sin because I am a gay. So he started to reflect that God only created man and woman; nothing more.

I give him a one-hour English DP lecture booklet and I always follow up to see if he finished. "I only read half," he said, "The most important thing is that I read Chapter Two; it's very striking to me, Chapter Two. You know, Chapter One is very beautiful, it's very nice." He grew up in his grandmother's house. ... He grew up and became a youth leader, and then he became a barangay captain.

What makes me love this person is he is amazing. Every time we have an activity, even if he has something else on his schedule, he always makes our activity a priority, especially in following up the couples that received the blessing. He is helping me. If he cannot come with us, he asks others, his assistant or the youth leaders, to help us in the area. I made a very clear relationship with him.

**He sounds like an amazing person. How do you deal with the various levels of faith among the 430 families? How do you help them to develop their faith so that they can begin to help others?**

To begin with we introduce the Universal Peace Federation because that is the approach used in other barangays. Slowly as they attend some seminars, we start introducing the Family Federation and slowly they begin to learn the Divine Principle, but not all the Divine Principle details at first.

When Dr. Yong's younger brother came to speak to use about hoondok groups, I had the idea that I had to form hoondok groups by educating these hoondok leaders. Because already 430 is too many couples to reach out to, we already have twelve leaders. At least, we can educate more these twelve to become the hoondok leaders. Our plan is to make True Parents' village. Our goal is to have all the people in the village accept our True Parents by educating them well, by forming teams of twelve, team by team, with a hoondok leader in every team. We are setting up a Divine Principle lecture schedule because we found that after completing their three-day ceremony a couple is ready to hear full chapters, chapters one to sixteen and to accept our True Parents.

Actually, in the very beginning, I had found only three wives that were active and they multiplied. Now we are thinking of how to multiply these leaders, which makes it easy to reach other couples. In the Philippines, it is easy to witness but we have inconsistency in following up. I saw in my country that if we do activities, we invite many people, but we don't follow up.

I am very grateful that we were able to reach these 430 couples. In the very beginning, I never thought we could do it. "We will just do it!"

Many times, my husband and I were thinking that we cannot do it because of financial problems. At that time, the Gabbs came to our team. I am grateful for that. We always had the problem of transportation, bringing people to the Blessing Ceremony or bringing people to the headquarters. Whenever we had an activity, I

always communicated to Mr. Gabb telling him what money I needed, and he gave it.

At that time, because they were helping us, I had to work hard also so that I could offer them spiritual children. Our heart is to help them to fulfill also the 430 in return for their support of us.

Partnerships of tribal messiahs are very important; their connections and relationships. I feel that I found a parent in my area because of this couple. It makes me more determined.

I also became more determined because of Dr. Yong's follow up. "Pops, when will you finish the 430?" I said, "Oh Dr. Yong you are asking me to finish it. Just give me enough time!"

"You are too slow!" He said something like that....



**True Peace magazine: Where did your idea to support a tribal messiah couple originate?**

**S**tephen Gabb: I began to see that we have two easily identifiable groups in our movement—some people have emphasized or have found fortune financially but are frustrated because they would like to have done witnessing. Another group wants to do this vital work but often feel their hands are tied because they don't have the financial means.

Accomplishing the tribal messiah mission is expensive even in the Philippines. They have to have money for all the three-day ceremony material, going to workshops, going to Divine Principle and in some cases, because they don't have a good home,

these people had to go and rent rooms in one of the old headquarters in order to hold three-day ceremonies. As AnnaLiza mentioned, they might be raising funds all morning just to make a bit of money to be able to exist and carry on witnessing in the afternoon. I felt there should be a way these two groups could cooperate and liberate one another in the process.

I had heard from Dr. Yong that at the Aranetta Peace Blessing, they needed financial support. I believe that he got authorization from True Parents to say that if there are any couples who wanted to offer money to help that campaign, they could receive a tribal messiah area with couples that have already gone to the Aranetta Peace Blessing. They needed people to follow these couples up because so many couples went to the blessing.

So my wife and I went there. In this process, I discovered that if a couple financially contributes to the work of another couple, one that is enthusiastic and powerful in the area of witnessing and teaching (as Francis and AnnaLiza are) we can all succeed more quickly and more efficiently. Francis was able to leave his job; they were both able to devote themselves full time.

**What tensions exist in doing this work in a Catholic country and what moved the barangay captains to support this work?**

AnnaLiza talked about the key being to find a way to serve the area. We ask many questions to the barangay captains to find out what is needed.

What we came up with recently, was that many of the couples in our area, though living as a family, are not legally married. The reason is that it costs a lot of money. You have to get a birth certificate, which are very often lost in their frequent floods. They are difficult to get hold of and you have to pay for the marriage certificate and pay to have it officiated. To help the people, Francis recently became authorized to marry people. He got the qualification from another denomination.

I think it is important for people to know that this is not necessarily an easy an environment. Many groups are competing to become these people's

religion. That's one reason that AnnaLiza and Francis don't emphasize the Divine Principle right away. They want to emphasize making a strong skin-to-skin relationship, a connection that moves the people. So that whether the couples are Catholic, whether they are Protestant, whatever they are in their externals, internally they are True Parents' blessed couples because they really wanted to receive this fortune from heaven.

That they have been able to emphasize that this is the Family Federation or UPF—broader, bigger picture than just a new religion is important.

**Where do you go from here?**


It's a big challenge. One particular denomination in the Philippines that has been successful very intensely follows up on their members. They have a strict rule that everybody has to tithe to be a member. Poor people would not go to church because they could not tithe. The minister or the elders of the church would visit and ask, "What's going on? Why aren't you coming to church?"

They said, "We feel bad but they can't tithe; we can't offer anything to the church, because we can't find a job."

This church now actually has a department that deals with placing their members of their congregation into employment. They help the couple; help the family. Of course, the family is grateful to the church. So of course, they are going to tithe to the church and are going to attend.

So we are searching now to reach the next stage. We want to find a way to bring prosperity to these couples, to these areas because they are extremely poor. These people often have a one-room house and are lucky if the roof doesn't leak and the house doesn't flood.

In most of this area, the flood will come up to the first floor and everything is soaking wet; everything has to be cleaned. They even put True Parents' picture on the ceiling so that it isn't damaged by the flood.

We are hoping to develop some business project or get some land where we can start to operate a business that will help support these people and give them work. That's the next stage. 

# Peruvian Movement Serves the Poor



A kitchen in operation



The kitchens serve the spiritual and practical needs of Peruvian people.

Generally, Peru is recognized as a third world nation where poverty levels have been above 50 percent for many years. According to the World Bank, Peru's poverty rate fell from almost 60 percent in 2004 to about 24 percent last year. This general level of poverty spurred the Family Federation to start the program of Family Centers (known locally as "*comedor*" or food kitchens).

Beginning in 2000, the members started visiting the poor districts in their cities to gather information from the local people and find groups who were willing to work with us to establish new comedors. Following an intense period of investigation and community meetings, we began to initiate these centers by donating cooking equipment, stoves, pans, etc., so that each group could make at least one hot meal a day for the families who became members of the centers. The wives in these groups cooperated to raise money to buy the food and then worked to cook and serve the meals. Every day at least twenty families in each center were able to receive a good meal at a minimum cost (US 50 cents) per family.


Over the years of activity, we have been able to establish more than a hundred centers across the nation. In addition to providing this initial support, members visited constantly each Family Center to give education on Family Values and Pure Love. In this way, many of these group leaders were able to grow and develop their own hearts and understanding of the value of our teachings.

These places are not just community kitchens; rather, they are a family center where people are given physical food and spiritual food and education about how we can improve our quality of life in our homes and strengthen family and marital bonds. Attendance at these meetings has varied between ten-twenty people per family center, so on average the education fluctuates between a thousand and two thousand people in six months. The biggest challenge is to continue to educate our Peruvian society and because we do not want Peruvians to lose heart, we continue to educate more and more families; there is still plenty to do.

Also each year at Christmas members visit the centers and hold a "Chocolatada." This is a traditional

Peruvian custom where *panetones* (Christmas cake, similar to, but much less dense than fruitcake) and drinking chocolate is shared with all the families in the Family Centers.

Through this activity, many people have come to know our federation and respect its work. Local community leaders and district mayors have come closer to us and at times supported joint activities.

A testimony from the mother of one of the families: "Thank you very much for visiting this home. It gives me great joy to have you here. Thank you for the talks we received; what we have heard has been very helpful. With the talks, we again discover what love is and it gives true meaning to marriage and shows how to act between a husband and a wife. Sometimes I was not very confident with my husband; now I can talk openly with him and together we can solve our problems diplomatically without getting upset, by seeking some reasons and explanations. Both of us have put an effort on our part to succeed, we are now living together happily, because these discussions have helped us enough to organize our home." 

# Soccer Tournament for Peace-Loving Youths

By Go Yu-mi

In anticipation of an upcoming interfaith conference, UPF Australia organized the Soccer for Peace Tournament 2014 in collaboration with Iraqi Renaissance, Inc. on Sunday, November 2, in Sydney. More than sixty athletes, grouped into two Muslim teams, one Burmese team and UPF Australia, played against each other in the tournament.

The purpose of this futsal competition was to encourage harmony, understanding and friendship among youth from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds as well as to promote leadership, good character and world peace through sport, following in the footsteps of UPF's founder Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Futsal is a type of association football, played indoors with five players on each team. The word comes from the Spanish language *futbol* and *sala*, which means "indoors."

The young participants had various religious affiliations including to Islam, to Buddhism and to Unificationism and were ethnically diverse.

The games were futsal-style consisting of ten-minute halves, with a five-minute break. Four teams played eight games in this round-robin tournament.

The Alliance Team won first place and the "Best Scorer" award went to Khalefa Khoiber of the Iraqi team. Heung Ghe Stone from the Eco Dogs (the UFP-Australia team) won the MVP award and Khalil Mohamed of the Alliance Team won the "Best and Fairest" award.

Although UPF was holding the tournament for the first time, the response from the participants was positive. After the end games ended, the coaches and athletes were interviewed. Alex, the captain of the Alliance Team remarked, "We are



A Futsal game in action



The Alliance Team hoists the winning trophy

grateful for being invited to this tournament. I am happy to be able to play shoulder-to-shoulder with my brothers." When asked, "Do you think some change can be made to the culture in Australia through these interfaith events?" he answered, "If a variety of cultures can get together through these events, I am sure Australia will become stronger, and we will be able to understand more people. Although we come from different backgrounds, if we can try to understand each other's culture, help and understand each other, I believe we can create a better culture."

Khalil Mohamed indicated his hope to play next time saying, "It was

a good match. Next time I hope we will have more teams to play with." He also expressed his appreciation to the sponsors by saying, "These days, people often judge another person's faith, religion and culture. There is a lot of misunderstanding of each other's cultures and religions. I hope that such misunderstandings can be dispelled through these games. I made some good friends through these matches. We exchanged our numbered uniforms and promised to play again. If it weren't for this tournament, I would not have met my new friends. I am happy to have come to know them at this time."

Ghassan Alassadi, an ambassador for peace who served as the co-sponsor and head coach expressed his views on building peace through sports saying, "This game was held for an even better event in the future. All the team members were happy. I believe this is something of a practice for creating peace. I believe peace can be made through sports. Through sports, we build friendships and during the matches, athletes focus on the game rather than on religion, culture or tradition. By doing so they learn to become one."

If there is a way to break down the walls between religion, culture and race by exchanging looks and gestures rather than words, it would be through sports. In Australia, the call for building world peace does not remain an empty slogan but is being realized by the young people who are taking action with this vision. They will be the ones who will lead Australia in the future. Under the vision that "World Peace begins from Australia" we will continue to develop this Soccer for Peace initiative. 

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# One Heart, One Oceania

By Natascha Schellen

**T**he older we get, the narrower our road becomes. Most young people right out of high school do not yet have a clear idea where they are heading in life. Nor do many people in their early twenties. However, the choices we make at that point lead us down an ever-narrowing road toward the future, and that is scary. Have I made the right choices? Will I have regrets?

For those in our second generation, more is at stake. We have many expectations hanging over our heads, and the burden can be hard to bear. As the daughter of a national messiah couple, I actively supported my par-

ents with mission work from a young age. I had strong faith, but I also felt isolated. Later, my university life and my job began pulling me away from God. I was no longer sure what I believed in. My life had settled into the routine of teaching high school and spending time with friends, content to live from one day to the next.

Nevertheless, this nagging voice in the back of my head was asking for more. Where was God in my life? Was I not meant to do something greater?

Fourteen months ago, my life took an unexpected turn. I lost my job. I was frantically searching for something else, when a chance suggestion

from my father led me to apply for a staffing position on the Oceania Leadership Team (OLT). I had no previous experience with this program, but I felt it was the right thing to do. God was calling me to Oceania.

No one comes to OLT by chance; God has prepared the way for each of us. My motivation for coming here was to develop my relationship with our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, to understand my church's beliefs and traditions, and to overcome my weaknesses. I also yearned to experience a church community, to establish connections with other church members, and to develop a network



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| <p>1 OLT members attend a lecture in the Solomon Islands.</p> <p>3 A goal-setting workshop at the end of September</p> <p>5 A Japanese Cheon Il Guk Youth missionary with OLT in the Solomon Islands</p> | <p>2 The July 2014 Oceania Leadership Team graduation</p> <p>4 Constructing a fence for a Solomon Islands kindergarten</p> <p>6 Adventurous young members of our second generation on OLT</p> |
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of friendships, something I missed while growing up in the Middle East.

What is OLT all about, you ask? It is about living in a church center with people of diverse nationalities and diverse personalities and managing to unite with all of them under one roof. It is about walking from morning to evening carrying a box of products and swallowing all rejections and personal challenges. It is about sharing our hearts and volunteering our time to paint schools, build water tanks and give character education to people that have little but are satisfied. Ultimately, it is about experiencing God's heart and making this faith our own.

Young people from all over the world join OLT; this year I formed friendships with people from Korea, Japan, the United States, several European countries, and of course Oceania. We overcame struggles together and learned from each other as we raised funds all over Australia in small teams of four or five. It became much easier to pray amidst nature's beauty, particularly on one of the is-

lands of Vanuatu, which appear almost untouched by man, closer to the original creation.

I found direction in my life and came to understand and even love the Divine Principle. I could finally see what my parents had always seen. Being able to understand my parents' hearts was not something I had set out to do; it just happened. I did my best to love my younger brothers and sisters and guide them as a team leader and staff member, and although I stumbled and made mistakes along the way, with God's help, I am still here. I am on a path that is moving more clearly in a single direction, but rather than feeling I have failed to take part in life, I feel as if more possibilities are open to me.

I have now taken on greater responsibility as the new OLT coordinator. I am grateful for the existing foundation and hope to build on that. With my own limited ability and experience, I can do but little; nevertheless, I have faith that God and those in the spirit world are moving in the Oceania region and

among OLT members. With the support of the OLT director and our regional president, as well as older church members, we can accomplish many things.

"The unified world begins from Oceania," is something True Father wrote in calligraphy. It hangs in a frame in the Oceania Peace Embassy. I have engraved those words in my heart. I see the potential in this region, with its youthful spirit and multitude cultures. Our regional president is a second-generation Unificationist who inspires us and works together with us.

Positive changes are happening in Sydney. With a renewed focus on youth education and leadership, I believe this region has the right environment for a program like OLT to develop. I pray that through our activities, we will contribute to the people in Australia, New Zealand and all the island nations becoming one in heart. May our Heavenly Parent and True Parents watch over our efforts and continue to guide us on this path. *✍*

# Hoondok Activity for Tribal Messiah Victory

By Yoon Chan-wook

Mongolia has received much love and blessings from True Parents. They visited Mongolia four times—once in 1999, once in 2005, and twice in 2006—and have led Mongolia with true love so that it can be brought into the realm of providential fortune from the establishment of Cheon Il Guk. In the past, our movement accumulated a substantial foundation through the efforts and devotion of our local leaders and members. At one point, Mongolia was the center of attention as a key nation that could return joy and beauty to True Parents on a national level. However, our movement went through a painful period of confusion, which I see as having been necessary for greater growth and development. Now under True Mother’s direct guidance and love, members in Mongolia are completely investing themselves in *hoon ga hae* (hoondok home church activity) to uphold the heavenly command of substantiating Cheon Il Guk under Vision 2020 by fulfilling their mission as tribal messiahs.

## Home church developments

On October 26, True Mother personally presided with true love over the Global Worship Service for the Accomplishment of our Mission as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs. I believe that this service prompted members to gain greater resolve and to take action in fulfilling their mission as heavenly tribal messiahs, which relates to True Father’s last words and his heavenly command to all members in the world.

Two weeks before this global worship service, we held a three-day kick-off workshop for victory as heavenly tribal messiahs in a traditional Mongolian ger. (A ger is the traditional tent-like dwelling of nomadic people in

Central Asia.) After completing this three-day course, Mongolian members were encouraged and pleased to see True Mother preside over the global workshop service, which served as an opportunity for members to further strengthen their determination.

After completing the three-day workshop, the members, of their own volition, formed seventeen hoondok home churches. The members chose among themselves the leaders of all seventeen of these churches and began to carry out their activities. Two of the Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries were appointed as hoondok home church leaders (*hoon ga jangs*). We also invited guests whom members had connected to through street witnessing to join these hoondok home churches. There, members poured out the Holy Spirit, the truth and true love into their spiritual children so that they too could go out to witness. We made these efforts not simply to create a witnessing team but to allow the members to become true leaders that represent True Parents and that are able to raise people with heart and love, and in the process grow themselves.

As a rule, once a hoondok home

church has more than twelve members, it should multiply by splitting into two. If there are more than twelve people in the home church, it becomes difficult to maintain a familial atmosphere. The heart-to-heart exchange between members becomes weak, decreasing the level of intimacy within the group. In the end, members end up focusing on the interrelationships between the twelve-member group and their respective interests, rather than focusing on witnessing and finding new members. This undermines the focus and original mission of hoondok home churches, which is to raise new members and to multiply. Having members engage in activities in family-size groups empowers even ordinary members (who might not have special skills to become a leader) to guide the three to twelve members with the Holy Spirit, truth and love.

By doing so, the home churches can multiply and people can do the hoondok reading, imbibing God’s word, anywhere, anytime and with anyone. This further allows the Holy Spirit, truth and true love to spread and multiply. I believe that tribal messiah activities centered on hoondok



Mongolian members seeking victory as heavenly tribal messiahs



home churches is the only way to create Cheon Il Guk as a vast organic entity of true love centered on our Heavenly Parent. In just three weeks, a hoondok home church that began with just three members has already increased to twelve and has successfully multiplied into two new home churches. Many members that had distanced themselves from our church because of various internal and external circumstances have reconnected through these hoondok home churches and have returned to the embrace of True Parents' true love. One of the main issues that we had a difficult time dealing with through the existing church structure could now be resolved through hoondok home churches.

Through this, members now have a clear activity goal for substantiating Cheon Il Guk under Vision 2020. Hoondok home church work has enhanced our members' sense of mission and ownership to complete their mission as heavenly tribal messiahs and to establish Cheon Il Guk. Although their awareness may be at different levels, all members have now begun to take action. Many members in the rural cities, who had been passive because of the recent turmoil in our movement, have once again found life and energy by conducting activities rooted in their hoondok home church.

If a hoon ga jang brings in new members, multiplies hoondok home churches and establishes 160 families through these hoondok home churches, we recognize the person as a tribal messiah. We emphasize that members should help each other become victorious tribal messiah by

building teamwork through hoondok home churches rather than relying solely one's individual's capacity. By continuously multiplying, growing and developing perpetually in this way, I am sure we can cause Cheon Il Guk to become like a vast organic entity. We emphasize witnessing with a focus on one-on-one hoondok Divine Principle lectures, as True Parents have taught us to do. When necessary, we hold workshops or training.


It is important for members to invest themselves completely in conceiving even one new Cheon Il Guk citizen. Therefore, we teach members to draw upon our Heavenly Parent's heart as the source of their motivation when establishing the standard of being a tribal messiah. We teach them to give new life to their guests based on this standard, so that the guests can resonate with the Holy Spirit and truth. Currently, we emphasize making hoondok a part of each members' daily life and practicing true love. Through all these efforts, I have witnessed people transform into genuine members. For many of the Mongolian members that were used to engaging in external activities centered on service projects, education and public relations, I see this now as a process for them to rediscover their internal selves as members.

#### Loss and renewal

As if symbolizing the chaotic situation in Mongolia, the holy ground, at which our members had prayed and offered conditions, was demolished and lost to urban development projects. Therefore, in Genghis Khan Plaza in front of the government buildings representing Mongolia, we

conducted a ceremony to multiply the holy stone and holy soil from the Cheongpyeong holy grounds. After a preparation period, we designated a new holy ground and began to offer conditions.

After launching seventeen hoondok home churches, we designated the holy ground on October 18. Interestingly, three days later, the government planted seventeen Korean pines around our holy ground. Members were astounded; we had not known of this in advance, yet in the same place where we designated the holy ground for heaven's providence, the government, representing the people of the Cain-type realm, planted seventeen trees, as if to congratulate the launch of our seventeen hoondok home churches. As if knowing that our members had made the resolve to be victorious tribal messiahs in accordance with Heaven's command, the people in the spirit world and from the Cain-type realm mobilized in this way. I felt that it was a desperate plea for salvation by those suffering in a false world, an appeal for a chance to hear about True Parents, receive the blessing and receive salvation.

This incident truly humbled us. True Mother reminded us that if we could move centered on heaven, the environment would surge forward to assist us. In Mongolia, we no longer have any time to think about anything else. I hope that all members can invest themselves completely, with life-or-death tenacity and take action to complete their mission as tribal messiahs. 

*Mr. Yoon is a Cheon Il Guk special envoy to Mongolia.*



Mongolian members on a horse-riding challenge as part of their forty-day witnessing course



The Mongolian hoondok home groups utilize one-on-one Divine Principle lectures.



# Universal Ballet Performs in Colombia

Adding another city to the growing list of places where they have pursued their mission of bringing beauty to the world through classical ballet, Universal Ballet performed its signature piece *Shim Chung—A Legend from the Far East* and *This is Modern*, a four ballet evening with works created by world-renowned choreographers Hans van Manen, Nacho Duato and Jiri Kylian, in Bogota, Colombia, from October 24 to November 1 thanks to a joint invitation from the sponsors of a special festival of Korean culture, the *Fundación Cultural Asia-Iberoamérica*, and the theater where the performances were held—Teatro Mayor Julio Mario Santo Domingo. Various Media outlets in Korea covered the performances.

On October 30, the MBC Newsdesk anchor announced, “for the first time, one of Korea’s major ballet troupes, Universal Ballet, has been performing in South America. Every performance having sold out indicates to us how enthusiastic the local audience’s response has been. One reason for the enthusiastic response may lie in the fact that the performance offers a glimpse at Korean culture and values.” MBC’s on-site reporter added, “In Bogota, Colombia’s capital, the 1,300 seats of the largest theater, were all filled. The local audience response to *Shim Chung*, the featured event of the special Korean Cultural Week program, was extraordinary.” Her report on various audience members’ responses included that of Teatro Mayor’s director, Romio Osorio, who said, “I believe that *Shim Chung* was the most appropriate piece to represent Korean ballet. It might seem more likely that people would find it difficult to relate to this story, about a blind father miraculously reunited with his

daughter *Shim Chung*, whom he thinks has drowned after throwing herself into the sea. However, the audience responded to this performance, a mixture of an Oriental storyline and Western dance style, with a standing ovation.” One spectator, Monika Harkman, said, “It was a beautiful, magnificent performance. I wish *Shim Chung* could be performed in Colombia every year.” MBC also rebroadcast the story on the morning of October 31.

The *Korea Economic Daily* ran an article on the performance that read, “At 10 PM on October 25, the curtain fell on a performance of Universal Ballet’s signature piece, *Shim Chung—A Legend from the Far East*, in Bogota’s main theater. At the close of the final scene, during which Mr. Shim, the blind father, had been reunited with his daughter *Shim Chung*, the 1,200 Colombian audience members gave a standing ovation, shouting ‘Bravo,’ ‘Bravo,’ ‘Bravo’... The appearance of the local child actor cast in the role of *Shim Chung* at age five was greeted with friendly laughter from the audience, and the powerful group dance of the sailors as their ship tossed on the deep waters amidst a raging storm brought thunderous applause. At the end of act one, where *Shim Chung* jumps into the sea, moans could be heard here and there. Watching the performance, the audience shared the sadness and joys of the story throughout the colorful second act, set in the underwater palace of the Sea Dragon King, and the third act, where *Shim Chung*, after being sent back to the surface in a lotus flower, reunites with her father at the court of the Korean king. The harmony of the Bogota Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of conductor Mikhail Granovsky, drew the audience more deeply into the per-

formance.” The article also included detailed reactions of the audience. *Sports Joseon* published an article on the performance on October 12. “Universal Ballet, now celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, will present the quintessence of Korean ballet in Colombia from October 24.” After stating that the company would be performing *Shim Chung*, the article quoted director Julia Moon, “Though Universal Ballet has gone on many overseas tours before, this is the first time for the company to be invited to South America. As a result, I feel a unique sense of mission on this trip... The classical ballet *Shim Chung* will introduce Korean culture to South America and our program of modern works by European master choreographers will demonstrate the fine quality of ballet in Korea.” In addition, Canal Capital, a Colombian public television channel, aired a live broadcast of the performance. An article in *El Espectador*, the most influential daily newspaper in Colombia, included an interview with Julia Moon. She reminded people that Colombia was the only South American country to send soldiers to join the UN forces defending South Korea during the Korean War, saying, “If it weren’t for Colombia’s help, Korea might not have developed into the country it is today. Because of this, we have come here with a heart of deep gratitude to Colombia, so significant to our country’s history. We will do our best to express that gratitude onstage through our performance.” Along with the interview, the article also outlined the course of Universal Ballet’s development and the company’s contribution to the tremendous progress that it made in classical ballet in Korea, making great advances despite Korean Ballet’s short history. 

# Monthly JoongAng Interviews the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee Chairman

The October issue of *Monthly JoongAng* published an interview of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee chairman. According to the article, “Sunhak Peace Prize Committee Chairman Hong Il-shik is a leading scholar in the field of Korean Studies who served as the president of Korea University. He was also a professor of Korean Literature at the same university. He is an advocate of the ‘cultural territory theory,’ which argues that the fate of a nation lies in the depth and breadth of its culture. He is still active today, serving as the director of the Korean Liberal Arts Society Research Institute as well as the chairman of the World Filial Culture Department.”

Chairman Hong began by saying, “It is indeed a heavy responsibility... We have to utilize a transparent and fair selection process for the winner, because this will be a world-scale prize established in Korea.” He went to say, “The Sunhak Peace Prize carries a combination of Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s name and Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon’s name. The committee will select an individual or organization that has contributed significantly to the cause of world peace or the good of humankind.”

He further explained, “The prize was created to carry out the late Rev. Moon’s desire. He wanted to give a peace prize to those that realized true love in their lives and worked to create a peaceful world. In February 2013, Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon proposed the creation of the prize. This year, on August 11, the Sunhak Peace Prize Council, comprising leaders from around the world who resonated with Rev. and Dr. Moon’s peace movement, was officially formed.”

Regarding the unbiased selection of candidates, he mentioned, “Boutros Boutros-Ghali, a former UN secretary-



general; and Larry Beasley, CEO of the *Washington Times* are some of the international leaders serving on the council. Representing our own nation, Korea, we have Jooji Seongta, a priest at the Jogye Buddhist Order’s Bulguksa Temple; Jeong Tae-ik, president of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations, and others. The council is made up of twelve leaders who all hail from different fields and different walks of life.”

Regarding bringing the Sunhak Peace Prize to the level of the Nobel Peace Prize, he said, “In order to bring the prize to the world stage, we must primarily be unbiased. We must be transparent in our candidate selection process, so that the world can have confidence in us. The prize must also contribute toward the development of society and a peaceful world.”

Chairman Hong then revealed his special tie with True Father, saying, “I first met him in December 1980. I believe that it was fate. At the time, I was compiling an unabridged Chinese-Korean dictionary, and I was unable to get any support for its publication—not from the government, not from businesses, nor from universities, because China at the time was a hostile nation. At that time, Rev.

Moon came forward and helped me, a complete and total stranger to him. He said that he felt that our fate as a nation was directly connected to our relationship with China and that a Chinese-Korean dictionary would become the cornerstone in exchange between our countries. He then went on to give me two hundred million won, which was a lot of money at the time.”

Chairman Hong then mentioned how he kept up continuous correspondence with Rev. Moon after that, supporting his ideals and worldview, and even visiting him in prison in Danbury. He said, “Centering on his founding philosophy that man was created for the sake of others, Rev. Moon has taken the philosophies and teachings of the world’s religions, including modern Christianity, and adapted them to his own teachings, thereby creating a unified, universal philosophy. He is the first Korean person to spread Korean culture and philosophy to the rest of the world. Rev. Moon is the first Korean ever to be this well-known and respected by the world.”

Before concluding the interview, the article emphasized one last point: As he reflected on his memories of Rev. Moon, he repeated the words “respect” and “global citizen” many times. He may not be very young, but his memory is sharp and his answers were logical. Continuing his praise of Rev. Moon, he said that the Korean idioms, “You wouldn’t recognize Confucius, even if he were your neighbor” and “Heroes are not recognized in their hometowns,” perfectly described him. “It is only within Korea that Rev. Moon remains unrecognized. I hope that the Sunhak Peace Prize can serve as the impetus that causes Korean citizens to see him in a new light.”

# An Explanation of the New Scriptural Works

*True Mother instructed that new scriptural works be prepared with careful adherence to the original source material. The resulting texts have the latent power to uplift readers' hearts as they work to bring all people on earth to deeper awareness of our True Parents. This article explains the background to these texts and the work to produce them.*

True Parents directed that three new volumes of True Parents' teachings be created for the present era of Cheon Il Guk, God's kingdom, which is still to be made substantial. On the cover of each of these volumes are the words, "The Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk." This refers to the fact that they were published after Foundation Day, the day True Parents designated as the first day of Cheon Il Guk. Two of the three were published in English in time for the second anniversary of True Father's ascension.

The first is *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, which could be translated as "Heavenly Scripture." This work is composed of many short extracts from the range of True Father's teachings over many decades, providing a complete picture of True Father's teachings. True Mother had expressed that she wanted to provide a volume that drew together the "jewels" of Father's teachings.

The second volume is *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, which could be translated as "Scriptures of Peace." It is a selection of 178 of Father and Mother's complete speeches, also given over a period of some five decades. A third volume, *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, "True Parents' Scripture," which will feature True Parents' life courses, is still undergoing final preparation in the original Korean.

It is important to note that the new *Cheon Seong Gyeong* is more than an edit of the original *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, which was published in Korean in 2003. Even though some of the underlying themes are the same as or similar to those of the original



work, many new extracts were selected that have never been translated before. The new edition includes what Father spoke of from the earliest years of his ministry to the final years of his earthly life. It was created to provide a complete overview of his teachings, also reviewing the stages of God's providence up until the present.

The work is enhanced by the inclusion of a selection of True Father's prayers from the earliest recordings of Father's words (1956) to Father's final

redemptive prayer just weeks before he ascended. These are not what True Father said to us as sons or daughters, but what he said to God, as a son to his Heavenly Parent. From that point of view alone, these are remarkable to have in writing, but they also reveal many new aspects of the mission Father has striven to fulfill and they explore aspects of his teachings unexpressed elsewhere.

Notably, a section is also devoted to extracts from talks given by True Mother during the months following Father's ascension. This is a record of her earliest guidance and expressions of resolve as the sole True Parent on earth.

*Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* similarly includes speeches from the earlier years of Father's ministry, as well as those from the final fifteen years, during which many providential declarations were made and milestones reached. Many are public speeches, some re-translated or reedited for the new publication, with a good number in English for the first time. *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* includes an alternative translation of *True Families: Gateway to Heaven*, and a new edit of *Owner of Peace, Owner of Lineage*, plus a number of the Peace Messages, all of which are scriptural texts that True Parents designated among the Eight Great Textbooks.

Sincere effort has been made to translate these works into English. They are probably the most comprehensive expression of True Parents' teachings in their own words to date, and it is hoped that their readers will gain much inspiration and blessing from their pages. ☩

# Building the Kingdom Brick by Brick: **SCRIPTURAL WORKS FOR THIS ERA**

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## » Korea

### Sharing briquettes of love

On November 15, braving cold temperatures on an early-winter day, volunteers met under the slogan, “Sharing Briquettes of Love for a Warm Winter” to put true love into action by carrying charcoal briquettes to needy families. Seventy members of the Aewon volunteer group followed Julia Moon, Aewon’s chairwoman, in rolling up their sleeves to take part in this effort. More than thirty others, including Mr. Jeong Se-gyun, a legislator in the New Politics Alliance for Democracy Party; Mr. Kim Young-jong, president of Seoul’s Jong-ro Borough, Mr. Kim Man-ho, executive director of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, Mr. Jo Han-gyu, president of the *Segye Times* joined them in conveying our Heavenly Parent’s love and True Parents’ love to underprivileged citizens of Seoul.

In addition to the five-thousand charcoal briquettes donated to eighteen households in Seoul, the Aewon group donated fifteen thousand briquettes to needy families in the cities of Incheon and Cheonan.



## » Japan

### Court rules in favor of Goto Toru

The Tokyo High Court issued a ruling on the illegality of the abduction, confinement and coercive attempts at religious de-conversion of our Japanese members, signaling a victory for the more than 4,300 Japanese members who had silently suffered such atrocities over the past decades.

The High Court ordered Mr. Goto’s relatives and Christian ministers to pay JPY 22 million (USD 170,000) in compensation for the physical and mental suffering inflicted upon him during more than twelve years of forced confinement. This ruling signals a turning point for other members who have been forcefully

confined because of their beliefs, potentially opening the way for them to obtain proper compensation for their suffering, until now unrecognized in Japanese society.

## » North America

### Canadians call for family restoration

On October 25, the Universal Peace Federation and Women’s Federation for World Peace cohosted a seminar, “Deepening Our Understanding of the Traditional Family and Exploring Its Restorative Power,” at the FFWPU Headquarters in Toronto. Lasting from 9 AM until 5 PM, the seminar drew eighty ambassadors for peace, among others.



They learned about True Parents' peace activities through a UPF introductory video, and about True Mother's peace-enhancing achievements and activities through a video created by WFWP. Following this, twelve audience members came onstage and presented topics focused on the restoration of family values. One of the participants, Canadian Parliamentarian Don Meredith, who is also an ordained Protestant pastor, gave a speech about the restoration of traditional family values that supports True Parents' True Family movement. The audience seemed to receive this warmly. In addition, the chief of police of the city of Cobourg, Kai Liu, made a speech that resonated with the need for the True Family movement.



## » Europe

### Dr. Kim Man-ho visits Albania

Dr. Kim Man-ho, in his capacity as secretary-general of the FFWPU-International Headquarters; and Rev. An Young-sik, regional president for Europe; visited Albania November 3–6. More than eighty members of the Women's Federation for World Peace in Tirana welcomed them to Albania's Peace Embassy. Following an introduction by President An, Dr. Kim took the stage, where he asked members of the audience to re-acknowledge the importance of the age in which we live and to invest all their efforts into restoring Albania. He also said, "True Mother gazes upon the world map more than twelve times a day, while praying for you." The next day, they traveled about forty kilometers to a witnessing center that began operations two years ago in the coastal city of Durrës, where they encouraged about forty young people to have the dream of liberating their nation. They ate lunch there before travelling more than a hundred kilometers to Elbasan. In Elbasan, they met fifty members whom they asked to recognize how much sacrifice True Parents had to go through in order to restore each one of them. On November 5, they met local leaders and the headquarters' staff members at the Peace Embassy in Tirana and conveyed True Parents' love and support.

They exhorted audience members to invest themselves to meet True Parents' expectations. That afternoon, they visited the CARP center in Tirana. On the last day, they visited the training center to which Mother had directed funds be sent to repair the roof. They also met Alfred Moisiu, president of Albania (2002–2007) in his office. Their visit was a meaningful one that empowered our Albanian members and reminded them of True Mother's love and support.



## » Greater China

### Rev. Lee Yo-han's speaking tour

Rev. Lee Yo-han was in Taiwan on a speaking tour from October 30 to November 5. He gave one-on-one guidance, and advocated that members visit each other's families and help each other with the tribal messiah mission.



## » Africa

### A seminar series in D.R. Congo

The Family Federation in the Democratic Republic of Congo has begun series of conferences for non-members on God's will and human responsibility. In the most recent one, on November 1, Rev. Michel Futula, FFWPU national leader, emphasized human responsibility and spoke in detail about True Father's life, testifying to his messianic qualities and pursuits.





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