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The Indispensable Maternal Role

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Because of the Fall, we human beings lost the opportunity to receive and experience true love through our original True Parents. If Adam and Eve had become True Parents, their children would have naturally experienced true love. First, the children would have recognized and experienced the love of God through their mother; on that foundation, they could develop and learn to relate to their father. Without mother's love, it is not easy for a child to recognize father's love.

My grandfather died when my father was four years old. My grandmother took care of her four sons, who became great traders in the village, men who won the respect of all the villagers. My father died when I was four years old; my mother took care of my sister and me until I graduated university.

Throughout history, mothers have played important and extraordinary roles in preparing their children to understand their purpose and mission in life. The Bible tells of many mother figures who supported their children in fulfilling their offspring's God-given mission. Rebecca helped Jacob to become the founder of the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses' mother played an important role in protecting and guiding Moses in leading the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt. Mary protected Jesus while he was in her womb but also protected him when King Herod threatened to kill him.


Moreover, True Father's mother demonstrated extraordinary support for True Father. She risked her life to bring a bag of rice to True Father when he was in Hungnam prison. She walked for miles, barefoot, when she heard that the boat True Father was supposed to have taken from Japan to Korea had sunk. True Mother's grandmother took care of Dae-mo nim in an amazing way. True Mother received care and protection in a special way from her mother, Dae-mo nim. Without their mothers' care, protection and love, all the people that I have mentioned above would have had difficulties meeting their destiny.

Today, we are living in the era after the coming of the long-awaited messianic figures, the True Parents. As True Parents, they have perfected and accomplished everything. In order to inherit what they have accomplished and substantiate our Heavenly Parent's ideal, we need to fulfill our 5 percent of the responsibility. Because we did not fulfill our 5 percent of the responsibility, we have jeopardized the providence of restoration. Consequently, our True Father of Heaven, Earth and Humankind ascended to the spirit world without the establishment of the substantial nation of Cheon Il Guk.

As True Parents' children, most of us were lost and confused when True Father ascended to the spirit world. When Jesus ascended to the spirit world, his disciples were lost and confused. But when the Holy Spirit, as a mother figure, came into their hearts, it gave the disciples confidence and vision for the mission.

Likewise, True Mother, the substantial Holy Spirit, through her wisdom and love, gave us confidence and vision for the way forward when we were lost and confused after True Father's ascension. Because of True Mother, we feel inspired, determined and secure in carrying out our missions. Truly, True Mother has been a source of inspiration and great hope in establishing the nation of Cheon Il Guk. Now, the direction and vision of our global unification movement are clear. This gives me the motivation and resolution to offer a Cheon Il Guk nation to True Mother, through the heavenly tribal messiah mission, by 2020.

As a mother, True Mother has shown us a heart that knows no boundaries, a heart that is round and limitless. Because of True Mother, I have found the motivation to ease the hearts of Heavenly Parent and True Parents and return joy to them. Let us make the vision of True Parents our vision, the concerns of True Parents our concerns, the goal of True Parents our goal. As filial sons and daughters of True Parents, we are truly grateful and thankful for the great opportunity to be guided and raised by our beloved True Mother, the first and the only begotten daughter of our Heavenly Parent.

I will end with a quotation from *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, page 905, verses 12 and 13. "All men come to surrender before their mothers. No matter how powerful a world leader may be, even if he is as fierce as a tiger, when he experiences his mother's love, he has to surrender. That is why a mother who raises many children naturally has a heart of goodness.... Her heart is connected to infinite peace." 

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The Mission of Ambassadors for Peace at the Dawn of the Era after the Coming of Heaven

True Father delivered this address on December 8, 2006, at the Korea International Exhibition Center, in Goyang, Korea, at one of the Ambassadors for Peace Nationwide Rallies for Unity and Peace.

Respected ambassadors for peace, ladies and gentlemen:

All of you took a historic step by coming here today. Since the tumultuous outcry at the arrival of the new millennium, I still hear everyone's jubilation ringing loudly in my ears. Yet, two years have already gone by since I proclaimed the realm of the Day of the Victory of the Number Ten Combining Two Halves (Ssang Hap Ship Seung Il) for the dawning Era after the Coming of Heaven with new hope for the future. This declaration has delivered a promise of new hope for a bright future to the hearts of the 6.5 billion people around the world. Indeed, ever since, I am keeping myself busy building Cheon Il Guk, spending each day as if it were a thousand years, and as if a thousand years were one day.

God is calling upon you as representative leaders of the ambassadors for peace in this nation. You are proud descendants of a long line of Korean people, who were born with the spirit to promote humanity's welfare. In light of this, as we usher in this precious and significant time in God's providence, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you a special message from Heaven regarding the direction and mission humanity must undertake from this time forward. The topic of my speech today is, "The Mission of Ambassadors for Peace at the Dawn of the Era after the Coming of Heaven."

We should live in peace

Is there a dream common to all people regardless of sex, age, time or place? Throughout the ages, people every-



where have yearned and hoped for the realization of the ideal of world peace. However, never in history has everlasting peace been achieved that would bring joy to Heaven. This fact remains the basis of our historical sorrow and anguish.

What went wrong? What brought humankind to descend into ignorance of the ideal that God cherishes for his creation? Perfection cannot exist in ignorance, even if one waits for ten thousand years.

Throughout history, people have applied their paltry human efforts to

pursue peace. Human beings without exception are the children of Satan. Every person is born inheriting Satan's lineage. Please reflect on your own experience for a moment. At every moment and in every aspect of your daily lives, aren't good and evil at war within you, each trying to gain the upper hand? Since we are imperfect human beings, the peace movements we have carried out throughout history have always encountered limitations and met with failure.

Ladies and gentlemen, by virtue of Rev. Moon's devotion to the path of Heaven throughout the more than eighty years of his life, a new world is emerging. On this victorious foundation, the revolutionary Era after the Coming of Heaven has been proclaimed. We are now living in the age of heavenly fortune, an age in which all people can be liberated and delivered from the quagmire of sin. It is the era in which the world of freedom and happiness, the ideal world as originally envisioned at the time of the Creation, can be established.

The reasons God chose me

There are several clear reasons why Heaven designated the person standing before you, Rev. Moon, as the True Parent of humankind, and thereby opened up a new era. First, I have succeeded in practicing the way of living for the sake of others. That is, throughout my life I have practiced the values of true love, emerged triumphant, and offered that triumph to humanity. All people are born to live for the sake of others. However, because of ignorance resulting from the Fall, people practice the complete op-

posite, selfish individualism. I revealed this secret of Heaven, and this knowledge has been imparted to humankind for the first time in history. God is fully aware of the path my life has taken through thick and thin.

Second, I have dedicated my life to overcoming all obstacles and laying a victorious foundation. Through the education provided by the actual practice of true love, I have fulfilled all the necessary conditions for recovering and establishing the parent-child relationship between God and humankind. I have opened the way for human beings, who had become the children of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love, and who have lived as slaves to false love, false life and false lineage, to be reborn and resurrected into the true lineage of God, the source of true love. In other words, I have opened wide the path for people to reach full spiritual maturity as individuals and to establish true families, true clans, true peoples, true nations and a true world through leading lives of true love.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we make our way in the world, we find that, inevitably, many connections and relationships influence our lives. Most of these connections come about as a result of the choices we make and the circumstances in which we find ourselves. We make relationships that can be changed or erased through our own effort whenever we like.

On the other hand, heavenly relationships, which God bequeaths to us from the moment of our birth, lie outside the realm of choice. These fundamental and inescapable relationships are based by blood connections. Even though you may dislike your parents or siblings, for example, you cannot change them by choice or vote them out of office. This is because they are connected to you through ties of blood. Once you are born into the family with the surname Kim, you have to live forever as part of the lineage of the Kim family.

What is the reason humankind has yet to escape from the snare of sin? It is because people are born with Satan's false lineage. Yet that inheritance is not an innate blood connection that Heaven bestows in accordance with the providential will and purpose. It is not based upon the Principle. Rather, it is a connection that

came about in violation of the Principle, brought about by human error.

Cross-cultural blessing

Therefore, all people, regardless of who they are, belong to the fallen lineage. All people without exception must be born again through changing their lineage. This is the only way we can be restored into the originally-intended blood relationship that God has bequeathed to us.

Furthermore, the best way to restore people to the position of God's children by changing their lineage is through the cross-cultural marriage blessing. This is a revolutionary happening, creating the heavenly lineage on an entirely new level, transcending the walls of race, culture, nationality and religion. This act severs all links of enmity. It is the sacred rite of the change of lineage, through which all can be re-created through the True Parents. They are the King and Queen of Peace, the manifestations of God in substance, who enable God to exercise his providence in the modern world.

Beloved ambassadors for peace, place your hand on your chest and ponder this question quietly in your heart: Is there any other way to deliver this world from the wars and antagonism we see around us? Is there a way more certain to create one global family, where there is no hatred between family members, than through cross-cultural marriages between enemy clans or (going a step further) between enemy nations?

Ladies and gentlemen, you each are in the position of a leader representing the 1.2 million ambassadors for peace around the world who are spearheading the revolutionary Era after the Coming of Heaven. You are Heaven's emissaries who must fulfill the dual missions of the "peace kingdom police force" and "peace kingdom corps," which are responsible for ensuring the peace and happiness of humankind in the future. Therefore, Buddha, Confucius, Jesus and Muhammad, as well as hundreds of generations of your ancestors, have mobilized to watch your every move.

A revolutionary new era

We need to seek out and establish "God's kingdom and his righteousness," because to live in a nation that


serves and attends God as its center is everyone's ultimate destination. What does "God's kingdom" mean? It signifies the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. It is a nation that resembles the form of a model true family with three generations living together in harmony, trusting, respecting and supporting one another and becoming one in love. In short, it is the nation that humanity has longed for throughout the ages, the utopia where God is sovereign.

What, then, is meant by "his righteousness"? It signifies the heavenly way and heavenly rule. Each of us on earth has been commanded to pass judgment, with the heavenly authority of true love, upon this evil world that suffers under scheming, treacherous regimes. It is our duty to establish the ideal, peaceful world of true love, a liberated, free world based on justice and truth.

Your role as harbingers of peace

After all, humanity is meant to become one family. The remarkable advances of modern science are contributing greatly to making this world one global village. The time has come to establish the beautiful kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, where whites and blacks, Orientals and Westerners, live together in harmony as one great family.

You are the peace ambassadors and special envoys of Heaven who are conveying my teachings and educating others to establish exemplary families through true love, true life and true lineage. You, who have become ambassadors for peace, must now go forward with the conviction and dignity of a prophet who comes with Heaven's truth, having no fear of the path of death. Go out as Heaven's special envoys, and God will certainly grant you eternal life.

All around the world, couples joined in cross-cultural marriage blessings are putting down the roots of God's true love. The new heavenly lineage is bearing fruit. The day draws near when this beautiful earth will become the original garden of Eden, where we will enjoy everlasting peace and happiness. Surely innumerable generations of our descendants will shout, "Hallelujah for God's kingdom of Cheon Il Guk!" 



Where the World Can Experience True Parents' Love

True Mother spoke to an audience at Cheon Jeong Gung during the Heaven G Burger Festival Victory Luncheon on October 30 about her earlier distribution of hamburgers to members that were attending workshops at the Cheongpyeong Training Center.

When you think about the providence, about our members or about the future, you realize that food, clothing and shelter are important to people living their day-to-day lives. Other than the Great Works, Cheongpyeong holds two large events a year. Many people from around the world come here, so eating is important. Moreover, because the weather is cold around Foundation Day, they will need warm food. In the past, we would do things within the training center, but I thought about raising the level a bit.

A lot of space is available for our use in Cheongpyeong. Cheongpyeong may not be as large as True Father had planned; the land it occupies may not be large enough to build a large grocery store on, but I am thinking to make something by which those who come to train here can buy or be supplied with everything they need. That is why I released the Heaven G Burger, as a demonstration. If you have any words of encouragement, helpful opinions or wish to participate, please tell me. When we look to the future, I want to make Cheongpyeong a sanctuary that lacks nothing, that has all of everything. That is the beginning.

Thus, please tell me your ideas to make this place one where the people of the world, all people, want to come and live, a place about which they

will say, "I get sick if I do not go there three or four times a year." I want to accomplish everything that True Father thought of, one by one, on as high a level as possible. Hence, I am hoping to make this a place where all our members from around the world, as well as all of humankind, can experience True Parents' love when they come here.

When we look at the whole, as I said last time during the Great Works, when compared to a human body, Cheongpyeong is in the location of the womb. When you look at a map of Korea, it is exactly in the place where the womb would be. Therefore, many lives are born here and those lives grow here. Through experiences such as separating from spirits and ancestor liberation, your spirits grow. Here, you are the problem.

In the song that the team Apple Heaven sang earlier, the lyrics went, "I threw away my greed and a flower of happiness bloomed." Many problems arise because of love. Yet when he came to his senses and laid down his greed, he was happy. That is why I like that song. That is why I said to learn it.

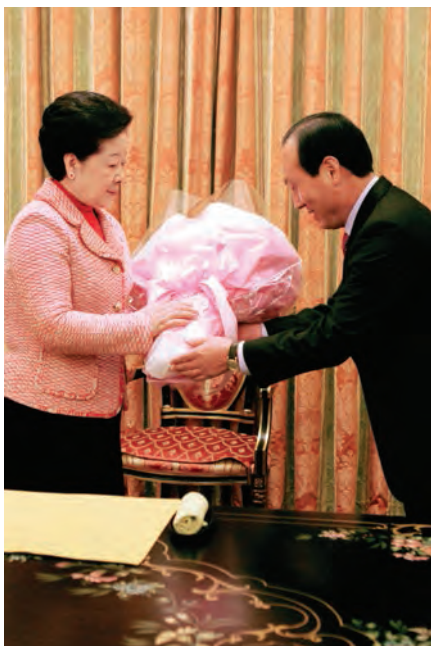
It is the same for our own lives of faith. Our circumstances, our positions, are not what are important. You are blessed families who have received the blessing through True Parents, so you have no connection with the fallen world. However, while you

are alive, what should you do in order to prepare to ascend? How can you die well on the last day of your life? The most important thing you should think about is throwing away your greed.

From True Parents we have learned what kind of lives we should live. When you know your place and act accordingly, good fortune will come if you put down your greed. When you are satisfied, you can be more grateful in front of God. Will God ignore you if you live a life of gratitude in front of him? He would give you great blessings. We have probably already experienced this on many sides. Isn't that right? You need to live such a life. Therefore, as you support this with a heart to participate, please tell me of your experiences if you have any.

You need healthy food and you need to save time. You need more time to fulfill your responsibilities as tribal messiahs, so you should not take one or two hours to eat. Some people need two hours to eat. There are those who say that. Yet it was not so with Father. He would finish everything in five or ten minutes and go.

You should resemble True Parents. Isn't that right? You need to live a life resembling your Parents. By doing so, more of you will be able to expand your influence and advance toward being an owner. ㄸ



Mother spoke about future possibilities and Cheongpyeong's potential.

PROVIDENTIAL HIGH POINTS OF 2015

This is an overview of the year as seen by the FFWPU International Headquarters.



From the providential viewpoint, the year began with the commemoration of the second anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day and Cosmic Blessing Ceremony by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. The celebration spanned February 24 to March 4 and included events such as the Cheon Il Guk Citizens Festival, the International Leadership Conference and other commemorative seminars and events.

On March 3, at the commemorative ceremony in the Cheongshim Peace World Center, True Mother was happy that the final book of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures, *Chambumo Gyeong*, was dedicated in Korean. True Mother said, "Today, the *Chambumo Gyeong* has joined the Three Great Scriptures. I do not know how grateful you are on this day, but God has waited for six thousand years."

Another major event this year was the third anniversary of Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Ascension. On August 30, at the Cheongshim Peace World Center, the commemorative ceremony marked the third year since True Father ascended to the spirit world. True Family members, leaders from a variety of nations, senior blessed members and ambassadors for peace offered flowers. Sun Jin Moon, the FFWPU international president, delivered a commemorative address and a former prime minister of Korea, Lee Su Sung, and one of the Sunhak Peace Prize laureates, Anote Tong, the president of Kiribati; gave memorial addresses. After everyone viewed a video titled, "The Light of the Universe, the True Parents of True Love," True Mother spoke emotionally about True Father's life achievements and how Korea should fulfill its responsibilities, so that it can stand tall in Asia and the world, centering on True Father's teachings.

To honor the third anniversary of True Father's ascension, events included the first Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony and Peace Road 2015. Peace Road began on May 30 in Santiago, Chile, South Africa's Cape of Good Hope and the US city of Las Vegas. It continued over several months, occurring serially in different nations, until 121 nations had taken part. Both events drew the attention

of domestic (Korean) and foreign media.

Another important event of the year was the "Commemoration of Fifty Years of Evangelism in Europe," in Vienna, Austria, on May 10. Two thousand five hundred members attended from all over Europe. This year also marks seventy years since the end of World War II, one result of which was that Korea gained its independence. Sixty years ago this year, Austria also regained its national sovereignty. For European members, a milestone occurrence was True Mother speaking at the main event congratulating them on their successes and inspiring them to do more.

At this event, True Mother said, "God's providential history took six thousand years because human beings did not know that indemnity had to be paid for their mistakes. Christian history also took two thousand years, but because the Christians did not know the essence of faith, their culture is an empty shell." She continued by saying, "The returning Lord, the True Parents, who should have come to the sphere of the Christian culture, have achieved much over fifty years while they lived on earth. We need to awaken those who are unaware of this, the European Christians. A new cultural revolution needs to take place on this continent starting today."

As Mother toured Europe, she visited the Alps and expressed her heavy heart for the environment, which human beings are destroying. She was also sad that the essence of faith was missing from Europe's Christian cultural sphere. Meanwhile, events occurred near Frankfurt, Germany, and in London, England. Sun Jin Moon attended both and gave the keynote address in Mother's place.

At the beginning of this year, True Mother supervised a fourteen-day witnessing workshop in Las Vegas. In this workshop, thirty-six leaders and other members from Korea participated, joining others, who had come from Japan and America, in witnessing activities. True Mother said to the trainees, "What should you do while you are out there witnessing? One of the reasons I came to America is to visit well-built museums in preparation for the construction of the Heaven and Earth Sunhak Museum." The locations

she visited included the Getty Center, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Roaring Camp Railroads and the city of Sedona. True Mother commented, "This new year begins the year of the blue sheep. I was born in the year of the sheep! Through you, I need to emerge in the world." She then set the providential direction for the third year of Cheon Il Guk and wished the blessed members a profoundly successful year.

Main events this year in the world providence would include the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival held in the Marikina Sports Complex in the Philippines on February 1. This was a huge event, at which fifteen thousand people attended including Asian government officials, Family Federation and UPF leaders, American Clergy Leadership Conference members and other religious leaders.

Meanwhile in Korea, on June 15, Cheon Bok Gung, the headquarters church, held a celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of the founding of the Korean Unification Church Headquarters. In Japan, on August 26, the Japanese church name legally changed from the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Members held a launching ceremony on October 12, in Chiba Prefecture at the Makuhari Event Hall. Ten thousand peace ambassadors, leaders and other members attended. In the United States, the first National Marriage Blessing took place on October 3. Across America, 123 couples renewed their marriage vows in front of God and True Parents and began a new journey as blessed couples.

As we have seen, in 2015, increasingly members worldwide fulfilled their responsibility as tribal messiahs according to the directions that True Mother had established centered on the second anniversary of Foundation Day, the third anniversary of True Father's ascension, and the fifty years of evangelism in Europe. All of our members' devotion is becoming the basis for the fulfillment of Vision 2020. The fact that it all becomes a foundation to realize Cheon Il Guk, which our Heavenly Parent and True Parents hope for, does not need to be continually repeated. ☯

Celebration of the Second Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day



True Parents' address commemorating the second Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day.



Dedication Ceremony following publication of the Korean Cheon Il Guk Scriptures.



The Holy Water portion of the Blessing Ceremony



Thousands of members joined the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in welcoming the second Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day.

The Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial



The elaborately decorated hall during the third Universal Seonghwa Memorial



True Mother speaking during the memorial event

The Cheon Il Guk Scripture, *Chambumo Gyeong*, Publishing Celebration



True Mother speaking at the publication ceremony



True Mother with the international president and her husband Park In Sup



Regional presidents receive *Chambumo Gyeong* from True Mother

First Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony



True Mother on hand to see the substantiation of years of preparation.



True Mother and Committee Chairman Hong with the first ever laureates



Jo Sumi provides entertainment to celebrate this special event.

True Mother in Europe



True Mother at the Gornergrat observatory platform in the Swiss Alps

Fifty Years of Missionary Outreach in Europe



Interfaith Peace Blessing 2015 in the Philippines



A view of the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival 2015 at the Marikina Sports Center in the Philippines



Couples recite their blessing vows.

The Japanese Church Relaunches as the Family Federation



International President Moon in Japan expressing True Parents' love for and faith in the Japanese members as they move into a new era.



Our Japanese members have used this occasion to make a fresh start in efforts to bring their nation to True Parents.

A TRANSFORMATIVE YEAR FOR EUROPE

The European region is extremely diverse with thirty-six nations, twenty-nine official languages, widely varying cultures and national histories that often include inter-European conflicts. This year saw significant developments in Europe in terms of achievements and deep blessings from Heaven.

Various 2015 events

In Kosovo, population 1.85 million, in the capital city, Pristina, members invited ambassadors for peace to a major hotel to honor the nations' ancestors in a special ceremony on January 13. Guests learned that the spiritual meaning of this activity was that of a Seonghwa Ceremony, which the late Reverend Sun Myung Moon had established to uplift the ancestors in the spirit world.

In Belgium, population 11.3 million, a television crew came to film Sunday service at the church in Brussels on January 19. Thus began film work that a local television station would use in a forty-five-minute documentary featuring our Blessing Ceremony.

On February 1, Austrian members held a special Sunday service to make a fresh start as a nation in a new role. True Parents had designated Austria a providential nation late last year. In speaking of this honor, Peter Zöhler, the national leader, paid homage to Austrian members who in the 1960s had served as missionaries to Switzerland, Belgium, Turkey and elsewhere. 2015 would prove to be a whirlwind year for Austria.

Heavenly Parent's Day occurred on a Thursday, February 19, this year. Despite it being a weekday, a hundred and forty members welcomed in a new year in God's providence at a midnight gathering in Albania, population 3 million. The celebration took



place at the FFWPU Training Center in Tirana, the nation's capital. Each community had prepared something to share with all brothers and sisters. Video messages from blessed and single members, and testimonies moved the audience of dedicated members.

In Bulgaria, population 7.2 million, members held off their celebration of Heavenly Parent's Day until mid-March, when they all met for a two-day national meeting to prepare and to hold the FFWPU-Bulgaria General Assembly. They drank in words of faith, but they also did a good deal of housework, cleaning the main hall and basement of their center in Sofia.

Some forty-five members came together in the Czech Republic, population 10.6 million, for a national meeting, mainly convened to hear from Rainer Fuchs, the sub-regional leader for Eastern Europe. This took place April 18–19, in capital city, Prague. Among other introspection, the members reflected on True Mother's advice to work with the mindset of gratitude and the willingness to do one's best to develop all one's abilities.

Major European events

True Mother's visit to Austria was the main event of the year. Austria is a moderate sized nation, population 8.7 million. On May 10, Europe celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the European unification movement with True Mother there. She spoke to two thousand five hundred people at the Austria Center, in Vienna. Together, they celebrated victory over the difficulties faced by the Family Federation in Europe and the strong, deep roots that our European members have been able to put down in the continent. She gave awards to early members and honored the efforts of European missionaries that had risked their lives by witnessing in Eastern Bloc countries and the Soviet Union years ago.

Rev. Jack Corley, then vice-president of FFWPU Europe, was the master of ceremonies for the event. (By year's end, Rev. Corley would be the regional president.) True Mother did not just casually celebrate our members' successes, but spoke earnestly, "Please remember," she told members that had traveled from all over



In Vienna, Mother welcomes second-generation members to Crane's Club, which is meant to be a vehicle to direct their talents and enthusiasm toward providential objectives.



London celebrates fifty years of Unificationist outreach in Europe with Sun Jin nim, In Sup nim and the Little Angels.

Europe to be near her, "you must continue to grow roots that are big and wide and go deep until you breathe your last." Numerous European members, non-members and media figures sensed the love and care emanating from True Mother on that day. With deep interest in and care for the future, True Mother also launched the Crane's club in Europe while in Austria. More than four hundred young professionals attended the networking and development event, having traveled for as long as fifty hours to get to Vienna. The day before, the Little Angels troupe, which True Mother had brought as a gift for Europe, had performed at an event to celebrate the anniversary of the liberation of both Austria and Korea at the end of World War II.

On May 11, True Mother spoke at the Vienna International Center, on the seventh floor of the UN Office at Vienna, Austria, on the theme, The UN at Seventy: Toward a Resolution of Tensions on the Korean Peninsula. She told the audience that day, "Our God is an absolute, eternal and unchanging

being. Will you reject the course to become God's sons and daughters? I sincerely hope everyone becomes God's child. My desire is that you all take the lead not only in resolving the Korean reunification problem but also in bringing peace to the world."

Other True Family members

Sun Jin Moon, shortly after her appointment as international president of FFWPU, and her husband, an international vice-president, In Sup Park; visited Germany, population 81 million, accompanied by Professor Yeon Ah Moon, who is the president of WFWP International and Hyo Jin nim's widow. Sun Jin nim spoke for fifty minutes on May 14, in Limburg, 75 kilometers from Frankfurt. She told the audience that after deep consideration True Mother came to Europe to express her sincere appreciation to those who had sacrificed to move Heaven's providence forward and to show us the way "to fulfill and encompass the full spectrum of true love for all humankind and to substantially establish God's kingdom, Cheon Il Guk." That evening the Little An-

gels performed in Frankfurt.

On May 16 and 17, President Moon presided over special events in the United Kingdom, population 68 million. On Saturday, May 16, she spoke with great eloquence, passion and sincerity to more than six hundred members. After a thirty-minute performance by the Little Angels (who later that night would perform for the public to a full house in a 1,300-seat theater) Sun Jin nim and her entourage had lunch with around forty UK leaders. Yeon Ah Moon and Rev. Man Ho Kim visited our South London community the next day and UK members held a banquet for the Little Angels.

Work has continued throughout Europe, as members, bolstered by True Mother's love and grace, move forward in their missions. We are grateful that the deep grace we experience in our church life has come so abundantly in 2015 directly from our True Mother and other True Family members. 7

A TPmagazine staff member based this on materials provided by FFWPU Europe.

Monthly Joongang:

A Report on the Completion of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures

Scriptures Volumes Completed in Time for the Third Anniversary of True Father's Ascension

The *Joongang Daily* newspaper publishes a monthly magazine called *Monthly Joongang*. The Religion Section of the December issue features a four-page interview with photographs of Kim Young Hwi, chairman of the Committee for the Compilation of True Parents' Words, introducing the completion of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures.

The article explains that the scripture compilation began as one method of carrying on True Father's work, at the time of the first anniversary of Father's ascension. On June 10, 2013, a dedication ceremony took place for the publication of the Korean versions of both *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* and the revised version of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* in the Great Hall of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. On September 1, this year, leaders from around the world were on hand, in the same venue, for the dedication ceremony for the publication of *Chambumo Gyeong*, in commemoration of the third anniversary of Father's ascension.

The Cheon Il Guk Scriptures is a small, manageable collection excerpted from the many volumes of The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon organized by subject. The original *Cheon Seong Gyeong* contained only material from four hundred out of six hundred and fifteen volumes of that set of books. Moreover, in the process of combin-

ing material from different volumes, the earlier version had much redundant, overlapping material. For the new version, they have omitted the overlapping material and included additional speeches.

The revised *Cheon Seong Gyeong* is a collection of thirteen thematic sections called books. They are: God, True Parents, True Love, True Person, True Family, True Creation, Earthly Life and the Spirit World, Life of Faith and Training, Home Church and the Tribal Messiah, Philosophy of Peace, Ceremonies and Holy Days; and Cheon Il Guk, Peace messages—and a section of True Parents' Prayers.

In the ten books of *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, the compilers organized, by subject, 178 of the 340 public speeches that True Parents gave. The subject areas of the ten books are as follows: Principles of True Peace, God's Homeland and the Peace Kingdom, the Mission of Religion in Achieving God's Ideal, The True Family Movement, Absolute Values and a New World Order, The Role of Women in Creating the Ideal World, The World of the Culture of Heart, The Reunification of Korea and World Peace, The Role of Nations in Realizing World Peace, and True Parents, the Hope of God and Humankind.

In *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, the compilers have also included some of the Eight Great Textbooks that True Father chose while he was alive,

such as *True Family—Gateway to Heaven* and "Owner of Peace, Owner of Lineage." True Father chose the Eight Great Textbooks to leave as his legacy to the people of the world. The remaining six Great Textbooks are The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Exposition of the Divine Principle, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, *World Scripture*, and the Cheon Il Guk Family Pledge.

Each of the three individual volumes of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures slides into a protective box. So that these boxes are of a uniform size, each of the volumes, across every language, is 1,648 pages long. The publishing company produced the books with high-quality binding.

True Mother dedicated the Japanese translations of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* on the first anniversary of Father's ascension, on August 23, 2013. She dedicated the English translations of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* in 2014 on the second anniversary of True Father's ascension, which fell that year on August 12.

Finally, she dedicated the English and Japanese translations of *Chambumo Gyeong* on the third anniversary of True Father's ascension on September 1, this year, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. Nine hundred guests, including church leaders, at-

tended the Dedication Ceremony for the Publication of *Chambumo Gyeong*. That volume of the Great Holy Scriptures has thirteen books: 1. True Parents' Advent and the Era of True Parents; 2. The Birth of True Parents; 3. The Beginning of True Father's Public Course and the Founding of HSA-UWC; 4. Salvation through the Holy Marriage Blessing; 5. Expansion of the Providential Foundation and the Annual Mottoes; 6. The World Tours and the Global Mission; 7. True Parents' Course of Suffering and Victory 8. North-South Unification and World Peace; 9. Activities in the Media, Education and the Arts for the Culture of Heart; 10. Preparing the Ideal Environment Centering on the Providence of the Ocean and Latin America; 11. Ecumenical Initiatives; 12. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the Women's Era; 13. The Completion of Restoration and the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk and a Chronology of the Life and Works of True Parents.

In addition, there are descriptions that briefly note exact periods and situations and explain the meaning for each theme so that readers can easily grasp the significance and scope of each of True Parents' activities.

At the *Chambumo Gyeong* dedication ceremony, True Mother said, "The three Great Holy Scriptures

are the essence of the entire providential history and they are unprecedented jewels, the perfection of which can in no way be altered." She also emphasized, "The reason we have invested everything into this project for the past three years is to reveal God's love for humankind to the whole world."

Kim Young Hwi, chairman of the Compilation Committee said in his congratulatory remarks, "In an easily accessible manner, *Chambumo Gyeong* presents True Parents' teachings on their poignant life courses, including their births, divine summons, Holy Wedding and overall providential achievements for the salvation of humankind and the realization of global peace. *Chambumo Gyeong* is a record of the blood, sweat and tears True Parents have shed as they sacrificed themselves to achieve God's will. It can be said to that it is a report of the ultimate success of God's providence."

Lee Jae Seok, vice-chairman of the Compilation Committee, said in his publication address, "As a scripture that covers True Parents' lives and teachings, *Chambumo Gyeong* can only be a great legacy granted to all humanity. True Parents said, 'The way to restoration is a path you must find, and the way of the Principle is a path you must tread.' In this way, the *Chambumo Gyeong* presents the completed providence

of restoration and the path of the Principle that humanity must take."

Kim Min Ha, a former vice-chairman of the Korean government's National Unification Advisory Council, said, "I am certain that *Chambumo Gyeong*, which is being displayed for the world today, will become a wonderful guide for humanity to build true families, true love, peace, justice, truth, and clean consciences, in that it contains the vivid voices of Reverend Moon and Mrs. Moon, who sacrificed everything for humanity with true love."

Finally, during the course of the interview, Chairman Kim introduced the difficult process involved in compiling the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures. He said that 615 volumes, with an average of three hundred and fifty pages, exist in the series, *The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon*. Moreover, in excess of seven hundred published scripture texts exist around the world. Because it is difficult for anyone to read all the books, with the newly organized three volumes of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures, anyone can now easily access True Parents' teachings. Future readers will have access to these scripture volumes for generations to come. They also show the practical story of how True Parents had demonstrated true love while dedicating their lives to fulfill God's will. ☞



An End of the Year Message

By Seuk Joon Ho

Because it is the third year of Cheon Il Guk, the seventieth anniversary of the independence for God's homeland, Korea, and the seventieth anniversary of True Father officially beginning his public course 2015 has been a significant year. It is also a special year in that it includes the third anniversary of True Father's universal ascension. This year, we finished the three-year mourning period for True Father. As God's children, I believe that at this point we should do our duty of showing filial piety to True Parents and resolve to expand the kingdom of heaven characterized by upholding and attendance.

I worked as the national leader for four years until January 2013. I would like to talk about the four points that I felt were of greatest importance while I attended True Parents personally and while they educated me during that time.

First, we need to understand True Parents' status, value and authority correctly. True Parents have been victorious in the course of restoration through indemnity by dint of having lived their entire lives with true love focused on the liberation of God and the salvation of humanity. On July 8, 2010, at the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Who as God's Embodiment Proclaim the Word, True Father proclaimed that True Father and True Mother were one. True Father and True Mother had achieved oneness in heart, oneness in body, oneness in thought and oneness in harmony. Therefore, Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon could complete the settlement of heaven



and earth with the status, authority and value of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Moreover, they proclaimed the word as God's substantiation and fulfilled the completion of the providence of restoration.

On December 11, 2011, at the Cheon Il Guk Greatest Victory Celebration, True Parents proclaimed that the True God and True Parents were one. This signified that the True God and True Parents had achieved oneness in heart, oneness in body, oneness in thought and oneness in harmony. Moreover, they proclaimed that the True God had achieved completion. True Father recorded that in his own handwriting. The fact that the True God could reach completion proves True Father's status and True Mother's status. On this foundation,

he wrote the motto for 2012, the Era of the Victory, Liberation and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. In 2013, on the thirteenth day of the first month on the heavenly calendar, Foundation Day, True Parents opened the path to enter the substantial Cheon Il Guk.

Second, True Parents have said that this is now the kingdom of heaven characterized by upholding and attendance. Foundation Day means that all human beings, who are in the position of unfilial children that left home due to the Fall, should now return to God's home, the realm of our Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' hearts. True Parents used the term "return" rather than "restore." Thus, it is our role to become filial sons or daughters and to do our duty to attend True Parents in the kingdom of heaven characterized by upholding and attendance.

In this time of the kingdom of heaven characterized by upholding and attendance, I convey my respect to all our elder members, senior member, friends and new members who are setting a good example by telling others all around the world about True Parents' status and value, so that True Parents can receive glory and praise from humankind.

Third, all blessed families should attend True Parents and create a community expressive of a culture of heart. The heart is a constant impulse to give unlimited love to another person. God wants to love everyone within one large family. All blessed families, indeed all people, need to establish an others-focused lifestyle through caring, communication and harmony centered on true love. When all people trust and depend on one



The author and his wife reporting to True Parents at the airport in Alma-ata Kazakhstan, then in the Soviet Union



another as brothers and sisters centered on True Parents and form a beautifully harmonious and unified community—the epitome of a culture of heart—heaven on earth will emerge automatically.

Fourth, it is time for all blessed members to fulfill their missions as heavenly tribal messiahs. Heavenly tribal messiahs are those who fulfill their missions and responsibilities as true parents, true teachers and true owners in front of their clans. To do that, one should pray and offer devotion for one's fellow clan members, lead and embrace them with true love, educate and witness to them with True Parents' sermons and the Divine Principle and ultimately give them the blessing. In addition to giving the blessing, we might perceive

the mission as registering one's relatives as blessed couples and giving the blessing to those relatives who have already died. We will need to do our best to fulfill our mission of blessing four hundred and thirty couples as heavenly tribal messiahs, as True Mother directed.

In Cheon Il Guk, where the substantial world of a culture of heart thrives, those of us who have a strong bond with True Parents need to clearly understand True Parents' status and value. In the future, we need to take the lead in praising and admiring True Parents in front of the world as well as in living a life of attendance with all our hearts. Moreover, I hope that you offer devotion so that all our members can achieve one family under God, which overflows with

love and affection, by being brothers and sisters centered on True Parents.

We have reached the time of the kingdom of heaven that is characterized by upholding and attendance. We must resolve all elements of division and conflict within us and create a harmonious and united community reflecting a culture of heart centered on true love. In the Cheon Il Guk era, let us become those who attend True Parents, fulfill our mission as heavenly tribal messiahs and are victorious in realizing Vision 2020. I hope that we will remember the way of God's heart as filial sons and daughters and become people who are good examples to our descendants. 

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Senior Church Members are the Roots of the Church

By Shibanuma Kunihiko



The author with his family

Last March, Mother appointed me as a special touring evangelist in Japan. The transfer was so sudden that I wondered how I was chosen to take on the responsibility as a touring evangelist. In making a church abundant with the spirit and truth that Mother speaks about, how can I, a lone senior member, contribute? Senior couples' families are like the roots of the church. If the roots are not alive, the entire church does not have life. I believe that the senior couples' families should take initiative and return to

the origin of their faith.

In addition, that the second-generation members, who will carry the future, correctly understand God's tradition and pioneer the future by absorbing the first-generation member's good points is extremely important for the entire unification movement. I also think that educating those in our second generation is a big assignment. I began touring with these thoughts in mind.

Out of sixteen districts in the Japanese church, I am in charge of five districts in western Japan, from Hyogo

Prefecture to Okinawa Prefecture. Here I interact with other senior members and provide youth education and second-generation education. I give lectures for new guests, counsel people privately and visit members. On this basis, once a tour plan is set up in each district, I will follow the district's requests and do a tour for seven to ten days.

On these tours, I usually give three two-hour lectures, one before lunch, one after lunch and one after dinner. When I visit a family's home, I limit the visit to three hours—two hours to listen to them and one hour for me to talk about church situations or True Parents. Sometimes I will drive more than two hours to the nearest church and hold an assembly or give a Divine Principle lecture at a home church for new guests. At times even a member of the city government has attended. For this reason, I sense a close relationship exists between these gatherings and society.

Mother said not to stop teaching the Divine Principle in churches, and I want to give lectures personally to new guests and blessed wives. Especially to the wives, I focus on speaking about how we can meet our Heavenly Parent and True Parents through living by the Principle.

Moreover, I am trying to visit as many bi-cultural families as I can. I have experienced the complications of living overseas, because I lived outside of Japan for thirty-two years. From the perspective that Japan is the mother nation, I believe that Japan can receive grace and our Heavenly

Parent can work if we lay a foundation by perceiving those who married into Japanese families from overseas as valuable and saying, "Thank you for coming." In that context, I have begun to grasp the situations of bi-cultural families and am interacting with them whether they are Korean-Japanese, Japanese-Filipino or Japanese-American. [The first term in these pairs refers to the husband's cultural roots.]

While I was on one of my tours, I had the opportunity to talk to young people about the Leda development project in Paraguay. The point that I emphasized to them was to be consistent in whatever it is they are doing. By continuing to live for the sake of a society, society will revolve. True Parents' ideology is to give and forget. If we continue to give in any way toward society, even if we are not particularly out on the front lines, society will remain stable. Thus, what we are propelling in Leda will move the nation, and we have even had Paraguay's president come to visit us. Putting True Father's teachings into practice moved even the president.

Father never said that we should take a comfortable path, but behind what he said there was always a plan. With our common knowledge, we come to learn of Heavenly Parent's great wish by continuously moving forward and believing in things that we may not understand. I think that the Leda providence testifies to this. With their society's common knowledge, they do not expect people to go to Leda after they are fifty. The local indigenous people's average lifespan is about forty years, so it shocked them to see our Japanese national messiahs, fifty or sixty years of age, sweating waterfalls as they worked with feeble bodies.

Father would say to the Japanese national messiahs, "Become top laborers. Become dark-skinned like the indigenous people." Hence, we did our best. About three months after we began the Leda project, Father came to visit us. The first thing he said when he got off the plane was, "You have become like the indigenous people!" It was such a good experience to see him so happy.

I hope young people go to Leda, because they would be able to experi-

ence the joy of being with True Parents. When you go to Leda the senior members are working hard to fulfill True Parents' wishes. Some young people may think that it is strange. They ask, Why are they working so hard at a place that people cannot survive? The young people seem more shocked than the indigenous people were. Therefore, young people that go to Leda develop a deeper interest in Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

On the other hand, Father said, "Because you have not been able to establish the tradition of the unification movement in Japan, I am sending you to Leda to pay indemnity." From that point of view, because we were part of establishing the tradition of the unification movement, we launched the Association for the Sustainable Development of North America and South America, and for fifteen years, we have been dispatching second-generation members overseas. I believe that we have had great results up until now. Next August, we plan to send more young people for a three-week program.

Young people that participate in this, develop more interest in the world. Some of them chose to work at the UN or go to Africa or Oceania through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Others feel strongly about educating those in our second-generation and decide on their own to take that path after their experience in Leda. A wide variety of paths is available for second-generation Unificationists. Some become ministers and others enter general society. Our task is to discover how to the plant deep roots of a life of faith within that environment.

Let's live with True Parents

We entered the church when we were young, met True Parents and Heavenly Parent and resolved to dedicate ourselves for the will. I believe that the basis for that resolution, to live on without change, is second-generation education. When I give lectures to young people, I tell them that I am nineteen years old. I joined the church when I was nineteen, and my thinking is the same now as it was then. The senior members' unchanging passion toward the will can greatly influence young people. This

is because I believe that following our path is a means to live our lives with True Parents.

What young people need is to have experiences in which they can realize who Heavenly Parent and True Parents are. Not integrating the Principle into one's lifestyle is a big problem for those in our second generation. Mother is sending young people out as missionaries around the world. These experiences are vital. When I do tours, many church leaders tell me that spiritually, those who worked overseas as missionaries have grown tremendously. When they go overseas, they often struggle for many reasons. I think that having many experiences like that is good for young people. I have great hope because Mother has provided us a clear direction for education of second-generation members.

Though I received the mission as a special touring evangelist suddenly, I am grateful, more so because I love to meet our members than for any other reason. I have come to realize how much True Parents love our brothers and sisters. Mother understands the real situation of our members; thus, she created this touring system. I can still hear Mother's voice when she said, "Please take care of our members who are struggling."

In addition, while I follow the path that Mother desires me to take, I deeply feel in my heart that her message to "advance without ceasing," does not just mean that the unification movement should not stop but also that what True Father's wishes to be done must not be stopped. Moreover, I have also realized how deep Mother's affection toward Father is. Mother wants to quickly accomplish North Korea-South Korea unification and to realize Cheon Il Guk, which are Father's wishes. Every time I am on a tour, I feel this and remember her saying, "That is why I have dispatched you as touring evangelists." I plan to continue to embrace Mother's heart and strive to bring in at least one more member as I tour as much as possible. ㄸ

Among other earlier missions, Rev. Shibamura was a missionary to Scotland and for some years was the South Europe regional leader.

Searching for Traces of True Parents Part 2

By Heo Yang

We began our second day at Ocean Cheon Jeong Gung by visiting our church on Geomun Island and the Hayanjang Motel. The Hayanjang Motel is the building next to the church. During True Parents' initial visits here, they would stay at that motel and do hoondokhae while repairs were going on in the church. They continued to use the motel even after we had purchased and remodeled the Geomun church. In the end, they bought the motel as well. The Tongil Group owns it. Since construction concluded on the Ocean Cheon Jeong Gung, the church now uses

True Parents' quarters in the motel for church activities.

As soon as you enter the church, you see True Father's signature, written at the time of the church consecration. Though it is a mission area without many members, the current church leader, Reverend Gong Su Hwan, is working hard with the heart to emulate True Parents' devotion. In keeping with the adage, "Where Heaven offers devotion, Heaven does not lose anything; Satan cannot occupy or seize territory," Reverend Gong maintains a faithful attitude, believing that by imitating True Parents' devotion and love as he lays a foun-

ation, True Parents' teachings will blossom like flowers on Geomun Island.

I could not suppress my heart toward True Parents as I looked at their keepsakes preserved there. Being there reminded me of a time in 2007 when we rented a ferry and held the Abel UN Inauguration Review Meeting on the deck. Intellectual and revered ambassadors for peace, and woman leaders, including President Jeong Dae Hwa, gathered for hoondokhae with Father and gave reports. I remember that Father had me sing "Ulsan Arirang" three times while dancing for everyone. Father said at



The author, second from the right, after these pilgrims had offered bows at the Ocean Cheon Jeong Gung on Geomun Island.

that time that that place would become a holy ground because he had hosted the Abel UN Inauguration Review Meeting there.

Because True Parents offered their deep devotion for this area, even though it has only three thousand people living on it, Geomun Island now has an incongruously large building as its ferry passenger terminal. Geomun Bridge, which connects two nearby islands, Dong and Seo, also opened in September. Coming in third place among Koreans as a tourist attraction that one must visit before dying, Geomun Island has many tourists on weekends.

After visiting the church, we went to the British Naval Cemetery. The spirits there seemed to be welcoming us because President Kim Young Hwi is the national messiah of England. On my part, I prayed ardently and comforted the spirits with the thought, "How long have they been longing for the hand of salvation?" A British naval officer, Edward Belcher, surveyed Geomun Island in 1845. Afterward the British named it Port Hamilton, after the then secretary of the Admiralty.

Forty years later, in 1885, Britain had strained relations with the Russia after Russia had annexed territory in Afghanistan, implying a threat to invade nearby India, Britain's prized possession at the time. Thus, Britain dispatched its China Squadron to occupy Geomun Island illegally, to preempt Russians from occupying it and as a base of operations for possible attacks on Vladivostok. Britain also used possible occupation of Korea by Russia as a pretext for remaining on Port Hamilton. The Russian Empire had signed a commercial treaty with Chosun in 1884.

Lǐ Hóngzhāng of Qing Dynasty China negotiated with Sergey I. Popov, the Russian Empire's ambassador in Peking, and received the promise that if Britain withdrew from Geomun Island, the Russian Empire would not invade Chosun's territory. They delivered this agreement to the British side and on February 5, 1887, and the British fleet withdrew.

Beside a wooden cross in the British Naval Cemetery was a small tombstone. British sailors are interred there. According to the records, at the

time the British Navy withdrew, they left behind seven to nine graves; but only two remain.

The Korea that a Westerner Sees is an entertaining love story. When the British Navy was stationed at Geomun Island, Seo Island had a famous "shaman valley," where hundreds of people would come to be educated and then live as shamans. Included in those were the daughters of literary people of high moral repute. Some of the British sailors would swim from Dong Island to Seo Island to seek out the girls in the Shaman Valley to flirt with them and then swim back. A sailor named Peter was one such man. He fell deeply in love with a literary man's shamanist daughter. In the end, they had a child. On this man's grave, the epitaph says that he drowned due to a heart attack.

According to the author of the book, Park Yeong Suk; Peter, the sailor, was drunk when he suffered the heart attack while swimming to Dong Island. The mixed-blooded child was a girl. Her eyes turned blue as she grew up and the contour of her face became more defined by thirteen. Rumors about her spread throughout the nation, until the courts intervened and sent her to Britain. Three generations later, her descendants today live in Britain. Father said, "At the end of the eighteenth century on Geomun Island, Britain dispatched their navy to block the southward advance of the Russian Empire. By doing so, Britain fulfilled her responsibility. They are the Eve nation and in the context of Korea, they made a base where we could defend against the Russian Empire. They fulfilled the Eve providence by sending the British Navy. This is a significant site of the ocean world."

True Parents are striving for one world under God through international marriages that transcend religion, culture, national borders and race. There are no black, white or yellow people in God's eyes. Everyone is the same. The division between language and race began as a by-product after our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, failed. In this context, another reason for Father offering so much devotion for Geomun Island is that it is the origin of a mixed-blooded child between a westerner and a Korean.

Geomun Island, holy ground

After lunch, we went in search of traces of True Father. We decided to fish where he did. Unfortunately, the wind was strong and the waves were rough. President Kim Byung Ho still caught a largescale blackfish, even though the boat was rocking hard. It was only twenty-five centimeters long, but it was a good result in that weather. We all immersed ourselves in fishing but we did not catch any more.

When Father came to Geomun Island, he would always be on the water, on the New Hope II, except when he slept or did hoondokhae. When it was time to eat, while he was at sea, he would have food brought to him by boat. He would receive news and reports from around the country and would ask about the situation of our members. He moved his control tower (figuratively) for human salvation to the ocean in front of Geomun Island and directed the work going on around the world from there. Sometimes he would be deeply lost in thought, perhaps making plans for humanities' future.

Once, when Father left for Geomun Island by helicopter, soon after attendants, including me, were contacted to come. We left hurriedly and joined Father by boat, the New Hope II. Father was happy that we arrived and had an expression that said he was waiting for our reports. We could not just stand there like stone statues. We tried to come up with something to report. If Father did not order us to report, he expected us to offer to do it anyway.

Father then said, "Why do you think I love the ocean? The ocean is level, neither high nor low. The ideal world is level. I am offering my devotion through fishing so that the members that are also offering devotion, while constantly thinking about the level world, will not have any debt." He continued to teach us saying, "The ocean is a repository of food for humankind. Human beings came from the ocean. A person or a race who does not like fish will have no choice but to live in hunger. In the future, he who has dominion over the ocean can have dominion over the world. You must love the ocean." Father would not think of going back to shore even when it got dark.

The last time Father came to Geomun Island, he never worried about any stress on his body but said that he was going out on the ocean. At the docks, five or six staff members would accompany him and help him aboard the boat in his wheelchair. He did not dwell on how uncomfortable he was but immersed himself in offering devotion. On the way back to land, he would have the staff members sing. *Betnore* (The Boat Song), *Gohyangmujeong* (Heartless toward One's Homeland), *Halmi-got* (The Pasque flower), *Bandal* (Half Moon), *Heemanguui Nararo* (To the Nation of Hope) were a few of True Parents' favorites.

The four days from July 24–27, 2012 were the last days Father stayed on his beloved Geomun Island. July 24 was a day the helicopter had a scheduled inspection, but Father expressed his desperation to go, so we went by car and ferry. During that time on Geomun Island, he appeared quite tired in comparison to previous trips. Nevertheless, he was strict about hoondokhae time. He would always remind us that as public figures, hoondokhae time was an appointment with God. As he walked into the hoondokhae room, his attendants supported him on each side. After hoondokhae, he ate sausages, a sand-

wich, sweet potatoes and potatoes while he pressed us with the providential assignments at hand.

When Father was on Geomun Island, hardly a day passed without his going out on the ocean, but one day when Captain Choi Jong Ho said, "Father, we are ready to go fishing," Father said, "I do not need to go to the ocean anymore. You should go together on your own!" This was unexpected from Father. What I think now is that Father foresaw that he was nearing the end of his life and was in the preparation stage.

On our way back to Cheongpyeong, I was sitting across from Father in the VIP room at the Yeosu Airport. The sight of Father so gaunt and fatigued tormented me; I could barely stand it. Mother said, "Father was born healthy so that he could live to well over a hundred. Yet, exerting one's holy body too much can cause a person to pass away early." She continued, "Look at the cars that you ride around in. For them to run smoothly you need to clean them, tighten them and grease them. Even the electronic devices you love so much will only work nicely if you clean them well." Her words made us feel sadder.

All Father's doctors said that once people are in their nineties, not traveling long distance from East to West is

best, but if they must, once every three years is appropriate. However, Father went to Las Vegas eight times in 2011 and four times in 2012. Frequently, he would not stop at Cheongpyeong when he returned but would go straight to Geomun Island. I can understand what Mother meant when she said Father was overworked. Geomun Island is certainly a holy ground because until the moment he ascended, Father invested all of his devotion to open the kingdom after the coming of heaven.

Why is Geomun Island a holy ground? First, it is a place of refuge. Second, True Parents held the Abel UN Inauguration Review Meeting there. Third, Father wrote, "Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation," in calligraphy there. Fourth, he wrote, "Declaration Day to Commemorate the Greatest Victory of Cheon Il Guk" there as a final directive to change our lineage. In light of this, Geomun Island is surely the place where a new providential and historic era began and where the radiant future of Unificationists will develop. 

(To be continued...)

Rev. Heo is currently guiding blessed members as a Cheon Il Guk special touring evangelist.



Out at sea fishing and reminiscing about the days they had spent with True Father and what he means to them to this day

Introducing Elbon Grand Café



Opening the Elbon Grand Café in Mok-dong, Seoul


Elbon Grand Café, which is taking the lead in the changing trends of the Korean dining-out culture, held a dedication ceremony for its new restaurant on November 12. The restaurant is located on the sixth floor at the Hyundai Shopping Center in Mok-dong, Seoul. [A *dong* (“ward”) is a smaller unit than a *gu* (“borough”) Seoul, which has 432 dongs within 25 gus.] True Mother led the ceremony, which fifty church leaders attended. It was an opportunity for them to experience a culture of heart centered on health, which True Mother has been recently pursuing.

This is the second Elbon Grand Café in Korea. Elbon International Co. Ltd. opened the first restaurant in the city of Daejeon, population 1.5 million, in the center of the country. That eatery has attracted strong interest from people. In fact, the company has three additional restaurants operating under the name, Elbon the Table. The first began operations in February 2010 in Shinsa-dong, Seoul; the second in August 2010 in Ilsan (a Seoul suburb, population 1 million) and the third in October 2012 in Seoul’s Itaewon-dong. The Elbon Grand Café opened in Daejeon this past September and finally the Elbon Mokdong restaurant opened. In total, the company has five restaurants in Korea.

As distinct from the Elbon the Table brand, the

Elbon Grand Café offers creative dishes in New European style and a sophisticated atmosphere. The restaurants’ current annual sales target is ₩6.2 billion (US\$ 5.3 million) by 2020. The company plans to open twenty-five restaurants eventually and to raise to annual sales from them to 27.5 billion (US\$ 23 million).

The nationwide 2016 Blue Ribbon Survey awarded Elbon the Table with three ribbons and chose it as the best restaurant. The Blue Ribbon Survey began in November 2005 as the first restaurant-evaluation system in Korea. Members of the public can allot two blue ribbons in evaluating restaurants, and the professional judges can allocate the three. As of November 2014, twenty-one restaurants in Seoul have received three blue ribbons.

Moreover, Elbon the Table achieved a reserved seating rate of one hundred percent from 2010 to 2015. In the 2015, in the Hyundai [credit] Card Gourmet Week sales ranking, it was the best out of a hundred businesses and ranked first by customers as a restaurant in the fine-dining category. In addition to food service, Elbon also has twenty-seven fashion outlets, either in shopping centers or via home shopping. The overall business group in Korea employs 198 people and estimates that its 2015 annual sales will be ₩57.7 billion (US\$ 49.9 million). 



The Support Project Contest to come up with innovative ways to be of greater service and benefit to Korean society.

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation

The founding of the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation took place on April 25, 2014, through a coalition of multi-cultural groups and activists based on their common desire to help bi-cultural families settle quickly in Korean society, overcome cultural and social differences and enjoy happy lives through healthy families. The founding purpose of the federation includes practicing and developing True Parents' peace ideology, knowing that True Parents played leading roles in our increasingly multi-cultural society.

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation carried out several activities this year. On May 24 and November 1, respectively, the group hosted collaborative academic gatherings, 2015 Spring and Autumn Symposiums on Finding an Educational Paradigm for Children in Multi-Cultural Families in the second floor auditorium in Cheon Bok Gung, the headquarters church. Associations and groups related to research on multiculturalism, experts (professors), and

around a hundred members of bi-cultural families participated in both the spring and autumn seminars.

Participants actively spoke out and debated about the education of our international blessed families' children. The themes covered general content; discussion occurred on how to educate children whose parents do not share the same cultural background to become bilingual, research being done on the formation of cultural identity, the growth of a second-generation member and their identity, etc. Korean society is rapidly becoming a multicultural society; hence, for second-generation members to live as Koreans within the world and global citizens within Korea, experts all concurred on the necessity of carrying out more studies on the education of our second-generation members, collecting more data and educating our second-generation members to play leading roles as global citizens.

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation also hosted its First Support Project Contest, targeting its fifty-

one member groups and the one hundred and sixty groups in the True Love Peace Volunteering Association. The agenda covered coming up with original ideas on strategic measures and medium-and long-term strategic action plans for multi-cultural projects, empowering and expanding existing multi-cultural projects, encouraging measures to resolve and overcome prejudice toward multiculturalism, and promoting understanding and tolerance toward multiculturalism. Aside from finding original ideas, we held a competition to develop those ideas and to attract interest and participation in multiculturalism. Through this competition, we selected twenty-five groups from among participating groups, as recipients of funds for their projects, which are to be carried out for four months. Finally, on November 19, we held an evaluation meeting for the Support Project Contest, at which each group presented a report on their project results. Thanks to the dedicated effort and passion of multi-cultural groups,



The True Love Peace Volunteering Association giving donations to help children of mixed parentage as Korean society becomes increasingly multicultural

projects in 2015 were successful and the prospects for developing future contest projects look bright. The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation will continue to improve and diversify its Support Project Contest to aid groups in professionalizing their projects and increasing their capacity.

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation also conducted multi-cultural consultations to help member-groups solve problems and to vitalize local activities. As part of efforts to upgrade the level of member-groups through empowerment, we carried out group education to improve the competency of member groups' executives. We produced educational material in video format and distributed it online. The bulk of the educational material was related to social welfare, founding of a nonprofit private organization and empowering groups that conform to a corporate standard. Member groups of the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation plan to carry out programs that are consistent with their strengths and the characteristics of the local area. Each will also work on strengthening their respective capacity to become financially independent by participating in contests held by governmental institutions.

In August 2013, True Mother received a report about some bi-cultural blessed couples' children who had dropped out of school. She then specially instructed that providential or-

ganizations take the lead in finding a solution. Centered on FFWPU-Korea, we prepared for a year and six months. Finally, the True Love Peace School opened in March 2015. Presently, fifteen students are attending the school; among them, three have passed their Korean High School Equivalency Test. Summer vacation included a Tongil Moo-do summer camp, through which they learned Tongil Moo-do skills and trained in that martial art. They also demonstrated their Tongil Moo-do skills in front of True Mother at the Tongil Moo-do Rally held during the period to commemorate the anniversary of True Father's ascension.

From September 8 to 21, the school also carried out a Multi-Cultural Youths Bicycle Journey across Korea. Sixteen people (twelve students and four staff members) completed the journey, cycling a total of eight hundred kilometers from Incheon to Busan. The sweltering heat, rainstorms and uphill climbs did not stop them from completing their journey. They overcame their limits and learned what a challenging spirit is. Upon completion of the cycling course, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport and the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs presented them with authentication certificates and medals, making all participants swell with pride. From November 18 to 24,

all students participated in a cultural tour of Japan.

In order to raise them into talented young people aware of various cultures, the school will be sending all its students to a language course in the Philippines from January 2 to January 29. This course is part of a four-week language course and volunteering project targeting children of bi-cultural families affiliated with member groups of the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation, children of church leaders and children of one-parent families who are in middle-school.

The Cheong-su Group, the Seonjeong Shimjeong Love Association (an association of teachers in Seonjeong Middle School), YongPyong Resort and individual contributors are sponsoring this year's language course and volunteering project. We have received ₩44 million in donations. Thanks to those contributions, twenty-six students can participate in the language course and volunteering project.

In addition, we presented ₩6 million to three young friends suffering from childhood cancer from among our international blessed families and three sincere and exemplary children from our blessed families, as scholarship, sponsored by Sports World. The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation will continue to work on developing and supporting sponsoring groups in the future too. 7



The launching of the True Love Peace School and 2015 entrance ceremony

Launching True Love Peace School

Happiness Education to help adolescents of mixed parentage in Korea develop their dreams and talents

By Hwang In-chun

The background to the founding of True Love Peace School began with Dr. Han Hak-ja's special instructions on August 2013 that FFWPU, WFWP and other providential organizations work together to resolve difficulties experienced by bi-cultural blessed families, those from a Korean and a non-Korean parent, and second-generation members generally. According to a study conducted across Korea in August 2013 by the Multi-Cultural General Welfare Center through the Japanese Missionary Association, the number of dropouts among the sec-

ond-generation children of bi-cultural parents was about sixty. The number, however, did not include unreported areas, implying that the number could be greater. The Multi-Love Counseling Center reported a gradual increase in the number children of bi-cultural blessed couples with low basic academic skills and the number exposed to ridicule for having bi-cultural parents, including ostracism by peers, maladjustment in school, dropping out of school, running away from home and exposure to criminality. Dr. Han Hak-ja felt that we must no longer neglect this issue and with

deep concern for those families, she instructed that we find alternatives or a solution.

The FFWPU Multi-Cultural Policy Support Center first collected basic data needed to carry out alternative education for these children of mixed parentage. Finally, at a welfare system public hearing for blessed families of such bi-cultural parents, on September 13, 2013, the center proposed the establishment of an alternative school customized for our second-generation children in these families.

Later, fifty-two autonomous multi-cultural groups came together and launched a national level group called the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation on April 25, 2014. On this day, Ryu Kyeong-seuk, first president of the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation, presented the five core projects of the federation, one of which was the establishment of an alternative school for children of bi-cultural parents. Following the launching of this group, eighty-two entrance related consultations were submitted and forty-three people participated at the actual entrance briefing. Except for those under fifteen and those over twenty years of age among the applicants, we officially admitted fourteen second-generation children to the high school course in True Love Peace School, an alternative school with boarding facilities, on March 7, 2015.

We carried out an analysis of entrance-related consultations and found the results described below. First, the number of families in the low-income bracket was higher than expected. Over 60 percent of the students' families were in dire financial difficulties and had been receiving low-income benefits from the schools they had been attending. Second, most had low learning ability. They showed a learning ability equivalent to students in the first year of Korean (three-year) middle schools, revealing little grasp of even the basics in subjects including Korean, English and mathematics. Third, the students experienced discrimination in one way or another for coming from a bi-cultural family; as a result, they felt uncomfortable about entering relationships with others and had negative sentiments about their school-life. Fourth, they experienced

some degree of domestic violence. Some of their fathers would be violent—and extremely so when drunk—leaving deep emotional scars on their children’s hearts, causing some of them to avoid being at home. They would roam playgrounds or other places until they received a text message affirming that their fathers had gone to sleep. Some, during their adolescence, tried to find psychological solace through relationships with the opposite sex; some even had sexual intercourse. In even more harrowing cases, the child sought protection from such violence (including from sexual abuse) in protection facilities such as shelters. This indicates the urgent need for different types of countermeasures.

The founding ideals of True Love Peace School are to love God, love humanity and love our country. The school’s educational vision is to develop the dreams and talents of adolescent offspring of mixed parentage through “Happiness Education,” which is based on the school’s founding ideals. Through a two-year educational course, True Love Peace School hopes to achieve its three main educational goals, the first of which is the acquisition of high school diplomas by its students, whom we are guiding to have confidence in their own potential through subject classes aligned with the Korean High School equivalency examination (hereafter, the GED: General Education Development test). The school is also providing them with the necessary support to enter whichever high-ranking university they desire to study at or helping them find the right career path and obtain relevant certificates or licenses. The second goal is to educate them on their identity as children of mixed parentage whose parents married through our international blessings. It is undeniably true that they not only face social prejudice for having mixed parentage but also face religious prejudice as Unification Church members. However, the school will nurture them with the aim that they become global citizens equipped with a warm personality and professional skills through education of the heart based on our strength—the Unification Principle—and education jointly done with providential organizations

that have a global network. The third goal is to provide them with integrated education that can help them stand on their own feet.

We conduct classes through four different projects. The first is the travelling project, which includes cycling across the country, going on a cultural tour of Japan, and backpacking across the world. Travelling is a great way to elevate a person’s self-esteem. The second is the language project. Traveling will also provide the students with the motivation to study Japanese and English. The third is the health project. To have healthy minds and bodies, students not only go through physical education, meditation, music, art and martial arts, but also have general check-ups and treatment if necessary. The fourth is the volunteering project. We are expanding opportunities for students to exert their abilities in sharing and volunteering, including through the active TPS Food Volunteer Group.

We conduct regular classes from Monday to Friday; morning classes focus on the Korean GED, while afternoon classes consist of special classes and experience-oriented classes essential in helping students find their career path. After 4:00 PM, the school provides support for individual learning only for students who apply for it. Similarly, we prepared a special project during the vacation for students that submit an application. Expenses include the tuition fee (including fees for practice and field activities), which is ₩200,000 per month, an amount equivalent to that required by public schools, and additional expenses for boarding and after-school programs, which are options for relevant students. Students are free to choose between boarding at or commuting to school; however, we give priority to students from the provinces when deciding who will reside in the dormitory. We give scholarships to students in the low-income bracket in proportion to the financial status of the family and in accordance with evaluation results. In 2015, the school received ₩13 million (US \$13,000 dollars) in scholarship money and ₩10 million (US \$10,000 dollars) in sponsorship for project expenses. FFWPU fully covers any shortage in money needed to operate the school.

Since the opening of True Love Peace School in March this year, among the initial seventeen students, three left after passing their Korean GED and two left for personal reasons. The school’s twelve remaining students and twelve teachers have had a bustling 2015. Both teachers and students shed a lot of sweat as they partook in a month-long Tongil Moodo summer camp and challenged their physical limits through a twelve-day cycling journey across the country. Significantly, in the process they gained strong confidence that they can do it. Students also immersed themselves in a cultural tour of Japan, which enabled them to better understand Japan, their mother’s country, and their value as second-generation children. Among these students, five passed their Korean GED, one or two students will soon enter university and others passed the Korean History Examination, the Barista Qualification Examination, Japanese Language Proficiency Test and others.

In 2016, True Love Peace School plans to challenge a wider range of problems including expanding its financial independence, enacting measures to conduct classes according to the students’ varying academic levels, correcting the students’ lifestyles by changing their biological clocks, enriching the expertise of teachers in charge of alternative education and managing students with delinquent behavior. Essentially, the school will begin to approach these problems from a viewpoint aligned with the Divine Principle but will also take a stance that gives consideration to the students, who are basically the consumers. We will patiently invest efforts to substantiate the essence of alternative education, which is to guide students to a level at which they take the lead from a subjective position and voluntarily participate in the school curriculum. True Love Peace School will also work toward forming empathy in school based on the spontaneity of teachers, the autonomy of the school and its flexibility in operations. We will build a cooperative system with parents to achieve these goals. ㄸ

Mr. Hwang is the principal of True Love Peace School.



National Rally for Promoting the True Families and Citizens' Movement 2015

Parenting is a Privilege Given to Mothers

On November 8, the Association for the Promotion of True Families' executive committee held an event in Chiyoda, Tokyo. This attracted about nine hundred well-informed people from political, academic, religious and educational fields. In April 2014, we had inaugurated the association in hopes of protecting the value of marriage and families in Japan. To provide momentum for this idea, beginning with the conference held in Fukui, from June 2014 to October 2015, we held conferences in all of Japan's forty-seven prefectures. In a national conference this year, we put into practice nationwide the "We Will Stand! Family Project 2015," along with the Family First Campaign, under the theme Strengthen Family Bonds, Spread Family Power.

On the day of the national conference, we met executives from the prefectural assembly and had the opportunity to share our results and discuss how to develop the movement. The introductory greeting was delivered by the executive committee

chairman, Mr. Hiroo Suzuki, a professor emeritus at the University of Tsukuba. He said, "Historically, Japan has faced many crises but we were able to overcome them by relying on our family traditions. However, recently, individualism has spread, and as families are weakening, various problems have been occurring. Now is the time for people who hold the same ambitions to come together and work to promote this national movement. Let's unite to reconstruct the traditional ways of a family and make effort toward regenerating our nation."

The vice-executive chairman who is also the national conference chairman, Eiji Tokuno, then took the podium to state the significance of the evolution of this meeting and reported on the progress made thus far. Rev. Tokuno expressed his determination saying, "I would like to strongly promote this movement as a campaign for national salvation." Subsequently, the chairman of the board of directors gave a commemorative address.

The lecturer that day was a specialist with fifty years of experience in

family education care. He manages an after-school academy providing supplementary education. He began with the issue of the drastic decrease in the national birthrate coinciding with a national increase in murders perpetrated by juveniles. Data indicates that the number of annual suicides by people under the age of nineteen increased to 547 (source: 2013: Suicidal Circumstances, police investigation). This demonstrates the seriousness of the situation juveniles are facing. Certain characteristics that problem-causing children have in common include the following: They do not have a place for their heart to feel at ease. They lack self-respect. They do not have a goal or purpose in life, and they feel as though others do not need them.

Struggling with these four deficiencies could lead a young child to commit crimes or commit suicide. Based on these observations, these family-centric educational points may prevent such tragedies from happening: Give sufficient motherly love so there is a place for a child's heart to feel at

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A retired university professor:

We hear much news and see many articles in newspaper reporting unbelievably horrific incidents, but I think that the root of the problem is disruptions in the family. I believe that your holding this promotion of the true family movement today was timely. It gives me hope for Japan's future. In order to tackle this major subject, "family reconstruction," I feel keenly that involving a great many people on a national level is necessary.

A former school principal:

The event was profound with a warm atmosphere. Something said in the commemorative address, that Japanese parents have a tendency to point out a child's shortcomings first, causing the child to lose confidence, I agree with. Raising children by indicating their strengths rather than their weaknesses is important. I believe that a warm household begins by praising our children. I would like to keep promoting this movement.

A ward assembly member:

The number of young people who have no desire to marry has been increasing. According to a certain poll taken among young adults, the most common reason that they do not want to marry is that they do not want to feel restricted and wish to continue living freely. When restated, this means they see marriage as a restraint and neither society nor parents have been able to convey the happiness and the fulfillment of hopes and dreams that is possible in a growing family. Through this movement, I feel that it is important to adjust family values and arouse public opinion.

Nine hundred people at the event held in the Japanese Diet, (national parliamentn building)



ease. Nurture confidence in children. Encourage them to find a purpose and to set goals, and stimulate self-reflection in children.

Let's make effort toward national renewal through protecting marriage and family values! The lecturer asked the nine hundred participants at the meeting of the Association for the Promotion of True Families 2015 to become active members of the association.

Strong marriage, strong family

In order to achieve ideal families, the lecturer emphasized the importance of the marital relationship. Women must stand in the center of child rearing. To the women of marriageable age, he advised, "Of course support from men is much needed but women should not think of parenting as a burden; instead, think of it as a privilege and strive to nurture children

with an eager heart. Doing that will allow a mother to grow and mature as a parent." In conclusion, he reminded the audience that we can strengthen the family bond and raise children healthily through continual family education.

Following the speech, as part of the Family First Campaign, the executive committee presented the "Bling! Family Award." The award-winning three groups in the Family Episode section and the Family Volunteer section each received commemorative plaques and prize money. Then, to solidify the audience members' determination to spread the idea of holy values in marriage and achieving peaceful, harmonious true families, a representative read aloud the Tokyo Declaration. Finally, the executive committee members signed the panels of the declarative statement and the event ended. 



President Eiji Tokuno speaking to the audience
Chairman Suzuki gives welcoming remarks



A performance to mark the occasion



Reflection, Gratitude and Determination to Succeed

South American members celebrate fifty years of mission work and the fortieth anniversary of the church in Brazil

FFWPU-Brazil, November 20–22, held a workshop commemorating forty years of the Unification Church in Brazil and fifty years of mission work in South America. We had invited many church elders who contributed to this history to the workshop. One special guest was Rev. Hyung Tae Kim. As an international missionary, he officially founded the Unification Church in Brazil. He and the earliest members had great success in witnessing that led to a huge growth in membership. Rev. Kim's wife, Jung Hee Han, accompanied him.

We also had a message from Chang Shik Yang, the special emissary to North America and South America. Dong Mo Shin, the South America regional president and Brazil's Cheon Il Guk special envoy; Heung Tae Kim and Hideo Oyamada, both national messiahs; In-soung Kwun, president of World CARP and many other leaders shared in the celebration. Rev. Shin, whose wife, Keiko Haga, accompanied him to the event; and Brazil's national leader, Koichi Sasaki, gave opening addresses.

All the leaders, our older brothers,

gave their testimonies of the time when they were working for Brazil's providence, and they shared with us their hearts and their experiences with True Parents. This spread their love to all the participants, who responded with great happiness and determination to realize Vision 2020. When the pioneering members spoke, we came to a deeper understanding that for forty years God has constantly invested his love in Brazil, sending many people to establish his foundation here to save all Brazilians.

A public celebration

As part of the celebrations, UPF held an event at the Athletic Club of Sorocaba (CAS) Convention Center on November 21, attended by the main leaders related to the history of the Unification Church of Brazil and two hundred important figures from throughout our region.

The event began with a prayer by Pastor Zaduski, the FFWPU state leader of Parana. Seated with the church leaders mentioned above as guests of honor at the head table were Peter and Dominique Haider (Peter is president of UPF in Austria and the

Haiders are national messiahs to Brazil); Christian Lepelletier, a national messiah to Brazil living in the country; Mrs. Maria Lucia Amary, a congresswoman for Sao Paulo State, who came representing the state governor; and Delegate Rose Correa, former State Deputy in the State Security Department. These final two co-founded the Police Department for Women (DPMUL in Portuguese), and both are ambassadors of peace.

Among other ambassadors for peace that attended the meeting were Dr. Cesar Romao (journalist, author and international lecturer), Dr. Reinaldo Correa (police chief and lecturer on drug-abuse prevention) and José Resende, an entrepreneur. All the FFWPU state leaders and leaders in the Brazilian national headquarters were invited to participate in this event with the expectation that they will carry the UPF vision and multiply activities in all the states.

At the event, most of the historical leaders who worked for the unification movement of Brazil were present, including Shin Myung Ki, ex-director of the CENE football club and the Jardim Project.

The master of ceremonies welcomed all the guests and participants and explained the goals set by the founders of FFWPU, True Parents, and the different fields of activities undertaken by the Unification Movement in the world through FFWPU, the Women's Federation (AMPM), the Youth Federation (AJPM), CARP, and UPF.

The audience watched a UPF introductory video before President Sasaki gave a commemorative message. Rev. Haider then spoke about the work of UPF in Europe, especially the activities that he is coordinating with the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. Rev. Shin spoke about the importance of working together to implement a culture of peace, which must begin within in each one of us and expand in our families, in society and in the nation.

Delegate Rose Correa and Mrs. Maria Lucia Amary congratulated the Unification Movement of Brazil on its fortieth anniversary and shared their experiences with the movement and with True Parents. They also spoke about how they became ambassadors for peace. They said they feel greater responsibility now to accomplish the goal of a peaceful society.

Dr. Chang Sik Yang then gave the main PowerPoint presentation, showing UPF's activities to promote peace and cooperation between peoples and between religious and political leaders. He also highlighted the contributions and commitment of many religious leaders, politicians and academics to the cause of peace.

After dinner, five people were welcomed into the family of ambassadors for peace: Dr. Pedro Menin (a former judge in the São Paulo Court of Justice); his wife Dr. Pricila Menin, president of the women's Republican Brazilian Party of São Paulo; Dr. Fernando Pinto Silva, a chief of Police; Maureen Maggi, an athlete, who won a gold medal at the Beijing Olympics in 2008; and José Passaro, a youth leader.

At the end of the program, all the guests received a special issue of the magazine *Mundo Unificado*, honoring the fortieth anniversary. The event was joyful; the participants appeared pleased, and impressed with our level of growth as well as with the quality of the event. We felt that they had re-

ceived our messages well.

Celebration of faith

On the morning of November 22, we conducted a special Sunday service to celebrate the forty years of our movement's efforts in Brazil, where we experienced a loving environment that united our hearts. Following the opening introduction and an offering of flowers to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, our Sunhak choir sang. We then showed a video of old photographs taken during the Brazilian movement's early moments, following along the history of the unification movement in Brazil. People seemed touched by the photographs from those days of pioneering; especially touched were those who had lived that history personally.

In the shoes of servants

The most poignant moment was when Rev. Shin read a message from True Mother congratulating the Brazilian church on its forty years of faith and effort. It seemed as if all the one thousand five hundred participants felt loved; felt True Mother's care for them—her heart and the deep concern True Mother has for her children in Brazil and throughout South America. True Mother, thank you very much! Her love gives us strength! We have firmly resolved to move forward toward victory in heavenly tribal messiah activities until we get to 2020.

During the service, four of the older representative members each received a plaque in recognition of their efforts and dedication. Members of CARP-Brazil gave a beautiful performance singing "*Kidjok Sori*," a song by Hyo Jin nim, to demonstrate our thankfulness for all of those who dedicated their lives in the early days, to establish the foundation for what we have today. Everyone was very excited and even stood up to dance together with CARP members who were onstage.

A workshop commenced after the service, and Rev. Kim Hyung-tae spoke, reminiscing on the moments that he was together with Brazilian members in the beginning, in the foundational period. He spoke of the construction of the national headquarters' main hall and other milestones. His talk conveyed a nostalgic happiness and inspired a new determina-

tion among members to keep moving powerfully up the path toward our 2020 victory. W-CARP President Kwun spoke about CARP activities and shared his experiences, including his tour through Brazilian states to meet our young members.

At the closing, CARP-Brazil and members of Brazil's regions spent time preparing performances—music, dances and skits; we had a very exciting Cultural Night. A deep sense of happiness was tangible among the audience. We finished the night in unity and determination to achieve success in the four years until 2020, establishing Cheon Il Guk in substance throughout Brazil and all South America by achieving victory in our heavenly tribal messiah missions.

Right after the celebration, a two-day workshop for pastors, missionaries and department leaders in Brazil took place. Ninety people participated. The workshop environment was pleasant because within our united hearts a strong determination was growing for Vision 2020 realization on the foundation of forty victorious years.

Rev. Shin emphasized, one more time, Brazil's goal for Vision 2020 through home groups, one-on-one witnessing and oikos activities. President Sasaki talked about the importance of these activities for Brazil's success leading up to 2020. He stressed that balanced development among our organizations—FFWPU, WFWP, CARP, YFWP and UPF—was vital in our work to reach national restoration.

State leaders reported on their local activities and the efforts they are making to achieve success in their many missions, such as home groups, CARP, UPF and WFWP. The participants responded with one united heart and a strong willpower, once again, to give their best to serve Heavenly Parent and True Parents in their missions.

We commemorated these forty years with sorrowful but grateful hearts for the past and resolute hearts toward our collective future. We are thankful to Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for all the love they invested in us during these forty years and we are prepared to march forward toward the next challenges in offering this nation, Brazil, to our Heavenly Parent. 



Intercontinental Harmony Bears Fruit

By Umberto Angelucci

In order to strengthen the ambassadors for peace foundation made through many years of dedication by Universal Peace Federation staff members throughout the Middle East, we decided that advanced education was necessary. Over the years, each country in the Middle East has appointed numerous ambassadors for peace, but we have not been able to create a unified spirit among these people. Some are faithful but working alone. Others have a local chapter, but we have not properly empowered them. In order to empower these people and create a more effective workforce, we realized that in-depth contemporary education was necessary. For these reasons, we decided to bring them and some of our UPF chapter leaders together with our second-generation members in an advanced educational seminar.

A coalescing of hearts

As a cool autumn breeze blew down from the hills surrounding the ancient city of Rome, ambassadors for peace and UPF staff members met from Oc-

tober 29 to November 1 to review the Principles of Peace and the current activities of UPF worldwide at the UPF national office in Colle Mattia, Rome. The seminar had the theme, “Applying the Principle: Practical Solutions for the Middle East.” Among the twenty-three participants were ambassadors for peace from Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon, Israel, Syria, Jordan and Turkey, as well as national representatives and young second-generation Unificationist staff members. At one session, Italian ambassadors for peace joined us, as did UPF-Italy’s staff. The international and intercontinental interaction proved to be both stimulating and empowering.

We started our seminar with a brainstorming session. This allowed the ambassadors to share from their wealth of experience and for all to gain a greater awareness of what was presently happening in the region. We followed that with a report on recent events in Korea, which my wife Marilyn gave. This provided us an opportunity to share guidance from True Mother and from our international

president. Next, the secretary-general of UPF in the Middle East region, David Fraser Harris, gave a presentation that made the Principle of Creation real and applicable in our lives. Following that was a lecture, the Destruction of the Family, which explained why the blessing given by our True Parents is the only solution to family breakdown and that it is necessary for all of us. The way in which all the participants willingly and gratefully received this message was deeply satisfying. Ms. Rehab Bitar, a Syrian lawyer and artist, commented, “I am so grateful to have this deeper insight into the true mission of the UPF founder. Now I can clearly explain when the people ask me about UPF and Father Moon.”

The first day culminated in an interactive session between the ambassadors from the Middle East and ten local ambassadors for peace. Both groups shared their experiences in the field, which helped them understand how to network and support one another’s work. Mr. Pak reported about his work with Syrian refugees in Lebanon, as did Rehab Bitar, who has worked with Syrian refugees for the past four years.

From Italy, Giuseppe Cali, who is the FFWPU national leader, and Betty Nistri, president of WFWP, spoke about the work they are undertaking in their respective fields. Giorgio Gasperoni, the UPF secretary-general in San Marino, explained the extensive intercultural work that Italian and Israeli young people are doing. The purpose of this effort is to expand

SOME REFLECTIONS

This seminar gave me much food for thought for my personal and public lives. In addition, it was an opportunity to learn about the importance of this organization and its activities around the world. It is a great honor to be part of the life's work of Dr. Moon and his family. The lecturers brought me to tears and were so inspiring. We will take with us the advice of our elders and will build a better future.

—Ilik Ashkenazi, Israel, businesswoman

I was very much touched by the presentations by Umberto Angelucci and David Fraser Harris on True Parents and Divine Principle. I felt this time that the messages were received better by the attendees because of the limited numbers and the ambiance of a family reflected by the place of the meeting and the sincerity of the speakers.

—Rouchdy Salah, Egypt, retired NGO activist

This was a good convention about the relationship between the theoretical aspects of peace and the practical ones. I realize, thanks to this convention, the power of the impact of the reconciliation of our minds and our hearts on our different societies, families and countries. We have to count on our knowledge and our will to fulfill more activities.


—Jihad Naaman, Lebanon, Catholic theologian and journalist

serve a culture quite different from the ones they come from. This seemed to uplift them, providing them a glimpse of what their own countries might become if we could stop the senseless fighting. Peace is the only way for us to develop the Middle East; experiencing the peaceful mood of beautiful Rome served to emphasize this fact.

Crucial, sincere investment

We are sincerely grateful for the support and cooperation of the Italian UPF staff and the Colle Mattia staff. Our own staff comprised the Middle East region's core leaders as well as two of our elder second-generation members. With the cooperation of those in the first and second generations, we found a harmony that inspired the participants, especially through their observing the dedication of our core staff members' children. We could all sense a beautiful synergy. We are proud of our second-generation members, and their skills were essential to this seminar's success.

In conclusion, we were so satisfied at the end to feel the deep bonds created centering on our True Parents' vision and hearts. We felt that the ambassadors for peace had reached a new level, not just in understanding but also in their dedication and devotion to the work that our True Parents have inspired. Each one left feeling called to do something in his or her country and to continue networking and supporting one another in carrying on True Parents' legacy.

Our ambassadors continually mentioned their appreciation for the warm and loving atmosphere at Colle Mattia. The staff of the facility was very professional and responded to all our wishes. The local UPF staff and the other leaders cooperated well and supported us in many ways that gave us confidence to give more to our guests. I would also like to mention the generous support for our program from Cosimo Rizzi's family. Without all this kind help, we could never have achieved this level of success. This is what we mean when we speak of "one family under God." Thank you, Italian brothers and sisters! 

Rev. Angelucci is president of our Middle East region.

work in the Middle East in conjunction with the European movement.

UPF's deep roots

The next day, I began with a presentation covering the legacy of our founder. I felt gratified upon sensing that this material moved the audience members. I began at the beginning with our movement in North Korea and explained how the sacrifices made then served as the foundation for the work that followed. I also spoke about my own enlightenment and growth, which came through a personal relationship with Father Moon. The audience, with open hearts, responded; at special moments, tears flowed. This was the high point of the seminar, when the ambassadors could make that heart-to-heart connection with the founder and understand deeply the incredible sacrifice behind UPF. In response to a request for honest feedback, Mr. Rouchdy, who is from Egypt, said, "I have only one word: tears."

Italian support

Giorgio Gasperoni followed this with a presentation explaining in more detail the numerous projects that his staff has organized to support projects in the Middle East. This, in turn, provided the ambassadors a chance to imagine countless possibilities for cooperation between those working on the Italian Peninsula and those in the Middle East.

In line with the theme, applying the Principle, David Fraser Harris continued with a presentation, "Using the

Principle to Resolve Conflict." During a break, one ambassador asked me, "Please help me to forgive my sister, I need your help." This showed me that the material in the lecture touched the hearts of the participants in a practical way.

The third day finished with brainstorming and the development of a Strategic Action Plan for all the ambassadors from the Middle East. Participants brought up many good ideas, such as holding regular online meetings, having more peace ambassador seminars and translating materials into Arabic. Each person expressed the desire to do more and declared what he or she would do after returning home: create a cultural center for Syrian women and children, use the media more effectively, spread UPF educational materials to community leaders and use the UPF web page to report our activities...

Deepening our interaction

That evening we entertained one another, expressing our various cultures. We danced and sang. We no longer saw one another as Israeli, Lebanese or Jordanian but as brothers and sisters working for a better world. In that atmosphere, we could talk more deeply about our nations and the realistic situations we face.

On the last day, we went into the city of Rome to sightsee and spend time together. Seeing the sights and having time to communicate personally helped to deepen our bonds. Seeing Rome gave us a different perspective. Participants could ob-

The Value of Tongil Moo-do for Young Ethiopians

By Simon Amare



Tong-il Moo-do students offer a bow to True Parents



Demonstrating their skills



The church president is at back, left with his wife

On the last day of October, a Saturday, the Ethiopian Tongil Moo-do Federation invited leaders of FFWPU, including me and a UPF peace ambassador, Mr. Wondwossen Hagos, who is a university lecturer, to visit its training center to observe the work the chapter is undertaking and its achievements.

Daniel Getahun, president of the Ethiopian Tongil Moo-do Federation, his assistant Samson Tamrat, and Zenagebrel Desalegn the leading trainer, had invited us to observe training sessions beginning at 7:30 in the morning at their center, which is located in the Kazanchis area of Addis Ababa. There, Tongil Moo-do shares a large hall in the YMCA center. The Federation also goes under a colloquial name, "Blood Brothers Club."

Master E. P. Aketch, who is a Kenyan as well as being a former national leader of the Unification Church in Ethiopia, founded Tongil Moo-do here in 1999. Tongil Moo-do currently has a regular training attendance of about twenty young people, including boys and girls from age three to twenty.

They opened a rented hall on the grounds of Birhan High School in Oc-

tober. Their aim is to attract high school students in order to let them know what the Tongil Moo-do Martial art consists of, but at the same time to teach them that achieving the three blessings is the purpose of life. Zenagebrel Desalegn, their trainer and lecturer, explained to us that the four-position foundation is at the heart of Tongil Moo-do teachings and principles, which they express to young people mainly through character education material.

Once we had arrived at the training center, the children demonstrated for us their martial arts skills. Thanks to the generosity of UPF Scotland during a preceding interfaith tour in Ethiopia, we were able to donate a laptop and speakers to the federation after the training session. We thought this could surely help them to improve their method of teaching Tongil Moo-do principles.

We concluded our visit by congratulating them for their hard work and sacrifices despite all the hardships they encounter, considering that Tae Kwon-do is better known and has a stronger foothold in Ethiopia than Tongil Moo-do does. Indeed, the leaders revealed to us that their federation has been facing many difficult circum-

stances, such as lack of finances, very old materials and uncomfortable places for training.

Yet they persevere. Their faith and doggedness and above all their love for Tongil Moo-do astonished us. Despite their not receiving support of any kind, they try not only to persevere with Tongil Moo-do in Ethiopia but to develop it.

Zenagebrel Desalegn told us that he cannot ever see himself stopping his practice of Tongil Moo-do or separating in any other way from this unified martial art. The Tongil Moo-do Federation team came in third place at a regional tournament organized in Mombasa, Kenya on August 25, this year. They returned from Kenya with a trophy cup. Among just three leaders and one student, they have won thirteen medals (gold, silver or bronze) at various tournaments.

We ended our visit by advising them generally and encouraging them to continue making more young Ethiopians aware of the martial art championed by Rev. Sun Myung Moon. ☸

Rev. Amare is the national leader of FFWPU-Ethiopia.

Better Living as a Young Person

In Yaounde, Cameroon, our CARP central region had its first conference on the theme “Understanding the Principles of Creation for Better Living as a Young Person,” which Mr. Ernst Paul Kamga and Mr. George Ndode conducted.

Twenty-six university students, among others, participated in this conference. We taught them the six principles of creation and that science and religion must unite in order for us to accomplish the purpose of creation. They learned about family values and how young students have to take responsibility to build good, united families and a good united society.

The young people that took part emerged from the experience optimistic and enthusiastic. Thus, they expressed their appreciation to W-CARP. The material presented piqued their curiosity; they asked questions and shared their thoughts and feelings.

We shared snacks with them that CARP members had provided. This helped create a cordial atmosphere for the presentations by the speakers. This reflects W-CARP Cameroon’s determination to succeed in holding CARP education activities by soliciting both spiritual and material support from all new and old members throughout the entire FFWPU family. We are doing this to more closely unite and to work very hard for the accomplishment of Vision 2020, which we believe is possible based on our existing potential and the members’ firm determination.

Many of the people that came to this conference promised to participate in the next one, in November. We look forward to presenting educational material to them and helping them develop from regular participants into core CARP members. *✍*



① Participants listening to the lecturer
 ② A participant asking a question
 ③ A group photograph



Recent News from Our Pacific Region

At the Vanuatu Rainbow Preschool with young students whose school was severely damaged in a recent tropical storm

→ New Zealand

Three Day Internal Guidance Workshop

During the October school break in Auckland, New Zealand, we held a three-day internal guidance workshop for those in our younger generation, from the age of thirteen and below, at the Parnell Peace Embassy. We did this in an effort to continue educating the younger ones on how to live a life centered on loving Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Rev. Julius Gicole, the director of FFWPU-New Zealand, gave lectures covering the Divine Principle. Andrew Halim, one of the full-time staff members at the Peace Embassy, gave some biblical background to topics covered in the Divine Principle.

All the full-time staff members provided support for the workshop, including Filipino missionaries, Aimie Odal and Rosalea Samillano; our youth pastor, Johannes Junior Anae; and Rev. Gicole's wife, Jasmin Gicole.

To understand the Divine Principle better, Andrew Halim gave a short presentation of the three ages that the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament cover. The young people then watched an animated video on Abraham's life

course, which they appeared to find deeply interesting.

A little into the afternoon, Rev. Gicole gave presentations on the three great blessings, during which he introduced some exercises, which the group of children divided into two teams to complete. Once they had gathered in their teams, he gave them the task of creating a list of questions to ask the opposing team. As both teams asked and attempted to answer each other's questions, they gained points correspondingly as an incentive for learning. After a team had answered a question, Rev. Julius took time to provide a deeper explanation from the Principle's perspective in order to give better clarification to the young people. Through this exercise, he created an environment for sincere learning of the Divine Principle.

The following day was Sports Day, which included basketball and soccer. This was a good opportunity for the workshop participants to take some time to absorb what they had learned the previous day and to focus on working together as a team at the same time. We invited two boys from the local neighborhood to join in the fun.

The workshop ended on a Sunday. All the young participants gave encouraging testimonies of what they

had learned. Each of them expressed appreciation and gratitude to the staff members, with some saying that they had decided to live a more love-centered life. With a renewed interest in learning the Divine Principle, we hope that we may do our part to nurture and take care of members of our younger-generation and raise them to become the future leaders we feel they are destined to be.

→ Vanuatu

On October 8, five young people sent by the Missionary Department within Korea's FFWPU national headquarters, two Korean staff members from Sidney and two local members did volunteer work at the Rainbow Preschool on Erakor Island, which is one of sixty-five inhabited (and fifteen uninhabited) islands that make up the island nation, Vanuatu. Cyclone Pam, when it struck in March, had damaged this preschool. Owing to the government unfortunately having to cut financial assistance, the preschool urgently needed help.

The missionaries arrived to a warm welcome from about thirty children who entertained them with song and dance. In return, the volunteer team



handed out crayons, out of which the children made necklaces. They also rolled up pieces of colored paper and stuck candy on them to give to their friends. This was to encourage them to take care of one another during this time of difficulty.

The missionaries and the preschool staff members agreed that they could feel God's love and True Parents' grace through the children. About the emotional aspect of the work, one missionary, Yaguchi Naotoshi, said, "I am happy and grateful that I could represent God and True Parents and share love there, where the local people had expressed indifference."

The Vanuatu Family Federation and another group of Cheon Il Guk young missionaries regularly visit and support the Erakor Island Rainbow Preschool; they last visited in May. They plan to do volunteer activities continuously there to spread Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' love.

→ Solomon Islands

From July 6 to 27, we held a twenty-one-day workshop for members in the Solomon Islands. We call this type of workshop a Center-Life Experience and Education Program (CLEEP), which allows par-


- ❶ Donating crayons to the Rainbow Preschool
- ❷ The students were excited to see foreign visitors
- ❸ Three-day workshop participants, Solomon Islands
- ❹ Cleaning bottles to use for lemon juice, used to raise money for the workshop.

ticipants to experience formula-course activities and to better understand True Parents' and Heavenly Parent's providence. Four participants from the last seven-day workshop, which we held from June 28–July 5, have decided to attend this twenty-one-day CLEEP. The program started with Rev. Christopher Bokabule, president of FFWPU Solomon Islands, giving a week of lectures on internal guidance and True Parents' life courses. In the second and third weeks, we focused more on formula-course activities with two days of raising funds and three days of witnessing. On Saturdays, we held one-day Leadership Development workshops. The twenty-one-day CLEEP participants expressed their hearts about how the formula-course activities have wrought changes in their lives in just three weeks. We frequently heard participants say that now they are able to communicate freely with people. Spiritually, their faith is growing and they express greater willingness to participate in frontline providential activi-

ties. They tell us that they are also looking forward to receiving the blessing from True Parents.

→ Marshall Islands

The Republic of the Marshall Islands celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of True Parents' visit to their island nation. The visit occurred October 15–19, 2000. True Parents came as state guests, invited by Kessai H. Note (president of the Marshall Islands, January 2000–January 2008).

In the restaurant at the Marshall Islands Resort, we held a commemorative event, which now-Senator Note attended with several of our members. At the event, Rev. Ito gave a PowerPoint presentation about True Parents' visit. He described in detail True Parents' schedule and explained the internal and external significance of that visit. Senator Note expressed his personal first-hand impression of True Parents during their visit fifteen years ago and spoke of his deep respect for their vision for world peace. A number of other people also expressed their hearts during the celebration dinner. 

FFWPU-Oceania contributed this collection of articles.

A Witnessing Testimony

By Han Seok In

On May 9, 2015, my mother went to Cheon Bok Gung for the National Exemplary Families' Awards Ceremony for the One-Hundred-Day Activity for the Second Half of the Year [Beginning after Foundation Day 2014 and ending before the anniversary of True Father's ascension]. My father was not able to make it, so my brother and I went with her, representing him. Many men and women of all ages came to the ceremony. It was a bit crowded, but as soon as I entered the Grand Chapel, my jaw dropped at the sight. The chapel sparkled like a golden palace; the men wore black suits and the woman wore white formal wear, suitable for the chapel. It was such a beautiful sight. The awards ceremony began and Rev. Ryu Kyeong Seuk, the president of FFWPU Korea, entered.

In truth, until that day I did not even know who President Ryu was or what he did. After I saw him, I wondered, Who is he? First, they showed a video on True Parents' lives and achievements. The video deeply touched me and I started to tear up as I reflected on my own life. I did not want to let my mother see me crying, so I closed my eyes and started to pray, but the tears collected more. After the video, President Ryu went up to the podium and gave a speech.

The exemplary families had already received their awards, but those receiving a grand award received it

directly from President Ryu and his wife. I realized, "Not just anyone can receive a grand prize, can they!" I realized something else as well: Many young people in school uniforms were sitting in the front rows. Seeing students in uniforms between all those adults in suits caused me to think that I wanted to be in that group too.

Before the awards ceremony finished, something the emcee said caught my ear. "Following the ceremony, we will have some time for the awardees and their families to pose for a picture with Rev. Ryu and his wife." We stood in line and were the 39th family to take a photograph with them. Seeing president Ryu up close, I felt he was bright and warm and came to respect him thinking, "He is not in this high position for nothing!" It was a very special day for me because I felt determined, for the first time, to try witnessing.

True Parents with me

One day as I was looking through my social networking service, I saw a video of a giant's skeleton being excavated. I searched the Bible on the internet to find out if giants actually existed. In Genesis chapter six, I found the Nephilim giants mentioned. After satisfying my curiosity through the Bible, I thought I would check *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. I immediately began looking through it. As I did, I came across a photograph of

True Parents. I liked that picture so much that I snapped a picture of it and saved it as my cell phone background screen. Early the next morning I experienced something amazing. I finally had a dream of True Parents. I was honored to have such a dream but I was also a little afraid. I called my pastor to explain what happened and he interpreted the dream for me. I relaxed when I learned that the dream was a message from God.

The dream

One day, (inside the dream) a loud noise coming from outside woke me. I went out, still in my pajamas. As soon as I opened the door and walked into the hallway, my mouth opened in surprise. The entire rest of our apartment complex had disappeared; only our building remained. Where there should have been apartments was a huge stage, in front of which were countless people in white clothing. I calmed my racing heart and took the elevator down to the first floor.

As soon as I stepped out of the building, my heart started to race again when beside our apartment building I saw the magnificent Cheon Jeong Palace. Opposite the palace, was President Ryu onstage holding a microphone and giving a speech. I pushed between people, an endless crowd, to move closer and hear what he was saying. At that moment he shouted, "Everyone, let's all turn around and run vigorously toward

The writer received the top award for witnessing success during a one-hundred day witnessing condition. He brought twenty-two of his friends to join the church. This is his story in his own words. He is fourteen years old.



The writer with his witnessing award. He is a middle school student, whose father is Korean and mother is Filipino.

Cheon Jeong Gung, which you see behind you!" All the people then turned around, shouting "Aju!" and ran toward Cheon Jeong Gung, cheering. I also ran, but suddenly President Ryu called my name and I looked back. All the people, who only moments ago had been directly behind me had run around me, no one blocked my path. Reminiscent of Moses' miracle, when he parted the sea, people were rushing along each side but my path to the stage, where President Ryu was motioning for me to come, was vacant of people.

I looked up at President Ryu at the podium and he looked down at me. With a big smile he said, "True Mother is looking for you intently. She is behind the stage. Go to her right away."

As soon as he finished speaking, I went behind the stage. True Mother appeared as she did at the Cheon Il Guk Coronation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, wearing the holy robe and holy crown, which signify her unity with Heavenly Parent, and holding the heavenly royal scepter symbolizing the authority of the True Parents of the substantial Cheon Il Guk.

She was sitting in a chair with the

Seal of the True Empress of Holiness and Virtue, the royal seal of the Heavenly Parent and the Heavenly Royal Seal, True Parents' royal seal, nearby. True Father's holy robe and holy crown were on the chair next to her.

However, I was still in my pajamas and hesitated to approach her. I went home to change into better clothes and as I was putting on my pants, I heard the ever-fading sound of a helicopter moving farther away. When I came back outside, everything that had been there a moment ago was gone.

This dream reminded me of what True Parents have often said, "Now that the time is here, you must prepare to greet it." To follow this, I began to attend early morning hoon-dokhae and as God planned I was able to witness and started to enjoy it. I deeply realized that nothing is impossible if Heavenly Parent and True Parents are with me.


Difficulties I faced

First, it was difficult because of resistance and opposition from those of my friends who followed other religions. I remember that I would lament and cry inside as they criticized my church, calling it a cult, a false religion

in front of me. I recalled what *Cheon Seong Gyeong* says about responding to criticism of the church—I had to repent for and indemnify my ancestor's sins and my own sins. Thus, I abandoned all my pride and calmly accepted their cursing.

At the end, I said just one thing. "If you truly believed in God and were with God, you would never curse at me like this when I also believe in God." They stopped and thought a bit and one said, "You are not wrong," and left. I trusted that this was all part of Heavenly Parent's plan and continued to witness. Today, my first spiritual child, Park Sang Hee, also works hard to witness with me.

The conclusion I have reached

"Witnessing is my mission to bring Heavenly Parent's lost children to him and to teach them to believe in him and attend him." With these words in my heart, I will do everything at the risk of my life to pray, offer devotion, witness and advance without stopping toward Vision 2020. 

The writer is in the second year of a three-year middle school. His father is Korean, his mother Filipino.



*Thank you for your interest in and
support of True Peace magazine in 2015.*

*In the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, we look forward
to reporting on the great fruits of True Parents'
investment and your efforts.*

*We pray that throughout the coming year you
deeply experience God's love and True Parents' grace.*

- The True Peace magazine Editorial Team -

