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# The True Hope for Korea and the World

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Subregion 3 of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Heavenly Korea marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea and celebrated the March 1<sup>st</sup> Movement for Independence from the Japanese Empire in 1919. We did this under the title "The North and South Chungcheong Region's 2019 Hyo Jeong True Family Hope Festival, which we held at the Yu Gwan-sun Gymnasium in the city of Cheonan.


More than twelve thousand people attended the event. Thirty-one city-level elected officials came and 453 officials came from towns, villages and city wards. We started with a presentation on how our True Parents' true family movement and blessing movement provide hope and vision and benefit the nation's health. Secondly, despite the current difficulties in Korea-Japan relations, in response to a special direction from True Mother, we used this event as an opportunity to open the door for unity between the Japan and Korea.

A hundred years ago, a special characteristic of the Korean Provisional Government's founding document was the declaration that the country at its founding was "one with God" a country that God had "intended" or "had in mind." It clearly stated that. On that foundation our Heavenly Parent sent God's only son, True Father, in 1920 and God's only daughter, True Mother, in 1943. A hundred years ago, the starting point of the Republic of Korea was God. It was meant to be the "Heavenly Republic of Korea."

At that time, Korea was enduring both a national crisis and social turmoil because Japan was controlling our nation. Korean leaders, centered on Christian teachings, authored the Declaration of Independence and led the March 1 Mansei Movement.

At that time, the history of Korean Christianity was less than a hundred years old, and Christian leaders along with Christian churches existed in a difficult environment. Japanese national authorities and mainstream Japanese religions oppressed them. Nevertheless, amid these national crises, Christianity spread throughout the nation and Christian figures played prominent roles in public life. They brought people together and gave them hope for independence. A hundred years later, we still face challenges. Korea has the task of reunifying the two Koreas and various national crises still confront us. True Parents are the only ones that can solve these predicaments.

At this event, we could feel that the person who opened a way for Korea and Japan to become one was our True Mother, the only daughter of God. It was election day in Japan, but that didn't prevent a sitting member of the Japanese Diet (Japan's legislative body) from attending the event. Additionally, members of Korea's governing and opposition parties participated in a special meeting to discuss pending issues related to Korea's reunification and to Korean-Japanese relations. It was a remarkable, historic miraculous meeting that neither the Korean nor the Japanese government has undertaken.

The Holy Spirit is generating miracles and a new history, not only in Korea but everywhere around the world. We can see the works of the substantial Holy Spirit through our True Mother. From small acts done by individuals, to providential deeds done on the national level and the continental level, when we are united with True Mother, whatever we do can become a miracle. I am confident that our True Parents are the only hope amidst the social, national and global crises we face. I also know that our blessed family members who follow our True Parents are the ones that can help save people from these crises. If the blessed families fulfill their heavenly tribal messiah mission, I am sure that just as Christianity became a religion of the people a hundred years ago, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification will become a religion of the people today. I hope we can all register in the Cheonbowon, as we succeed in our heavenly tribal messiah mission. Let's become the lights projecting hyojeong out to the world. 

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# World Unity and the Reunification of South and North Korea Will Be Accomplished by True Love

*True Father delivered this address on February 10, 2000, at the Olympic Park Gymnastics Stadium in Seoul as part of the World Peace Sports Festival 2000 Opening Ceremony and True Parents' Birthday Celebration. He was working on the text until moments before he began speaking.*



**D**istinguished guests whose fervent desire is for North-South reunification, ladies and gentlemen:

The new millennium that recently began is a time to clear away the divisions and conflicts of the past century and manifest the ideal of a harmonious and united one-world family. I'd like to begin by thanking you for congratulating me on my eightieth birthday. Most of all, I'd like to ascribe to God all the honor and glory given to me, for it is he who has protected me to this day.

Looking back reminds me that my life has never been easy. It has intertwined with the suffering history of our people and the numerous difficulties that our people have undergone in the vortex of the great powers. As a boy of sixteen, I encountered God's will through prayer, and throughout my life since then, I have devoted my soul and my energy to accomplishing his will.

I came to understand that the fundamental cause of human unhappiness is that the Fall severed our relationship with God. As a result of the Fall, human beings descended into a state of spiritual ignorance. In making effort to resolve the fundamental problems this has caused for human beings and in the universe, I have spoken publicly on more than ten thousand occasions around the world. In these speeches I set forth a true view of humanity, a true view of the world, and a true view of history based on Godism.

Translations of these speeches exist in twelve languages and fill three hundred volumes. I did not arrive at the content of these speeches from a study of historical documents. My conclusions are not the result of scholarly research. Rather, I arrived at these answers to our basic and fundamental questions through direct communication with both the visible and invisible worlds.

Reunification on the Korean Peninsula is the solemn desire of our people and the final act that will bring the global cold war to a conclusion. So today, as I express my gratitude for your having prepared this meaningful forum, I would like to outline the basic solution for bringing about unification.

### **History shows the providence of restoration**

The reunification of our country involves more than mere territorial unification. It begins with the unity of the human mind and body, which through the Fall, divided against one another. Thus, mind-body unity is the model for unity of the world, which has divided in two. Furthermore, we need to understand this issue from the perspective of God's salvation providence. It must be resolved on a providential level.

Human history is the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity, which is designed to restore the original world that was lost due to the Fall of the first ancestors. Therefore, it is a history of the struggle between good and evil taking place between Satan's side and God's side. The goal of God's side is to realize God's ideal of creation.

In the background of history, good spirits have always supported the good side, and evil spirits have incited the evil side. The history of division that began through the human Fall has expanded in scope to the levels of family, tribe, people, nation and world. Now it is manifesting as the fight between materialism and theism.

If two thousand years ago the people had accepted Jesus, he would have brought together Judaism and the people of that tradition and then worked with them to unite the parts of the Levant inhabited by the descendants of Jacob's twelve tribes. They would have then propagated Jesus' teachings throughout the Middle East region and to the Indian sub-continent all the way to the Far East. At the same time, Jesus' teachings would have won the heart of the Roman Empire and Europe. In this way, Jesus would have realized one united world during his lifetime. As the center of this new religious and cultural realm, Jesus would have become the king of kings.

Tragically, he died on the cross. Rome had already developed its central culture based on Hellenism, an externally oriented humanistic culture centered on the physical body. Christianity, in contrast, was a theistic culture grounded in Hebraism, an internally oriented culture that centered on the mind. Its followers suf-

fered persecution from Rome with its Hellenistic culture for four hundred years.

### **God's strategy for Satan's natural surrender**

What is Satan's ultimate target? Behind the history of struggle between good and evil, ever since the first human ancestors' fall launched this conflict, Satan has had his sights set on God himself. God is eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique, and the standard of the ideal that he has held to since the beginning of creation must also have these qualities. If you ask God directly, I think he will confirm what I am saying.

How can God reply when Satan says, "God, when you made me an archangel in the beginning, were you acting out of a love for me that was temporary or eternal?" I think God would say that he made the archangel out of a love that was eternal. If he were to say that his love had been temporary, that would make him an ephemeral God. Unless God maintains a standard of loving the archangel eternally, there will eventually come a time when he will no longer be able to exercise his authority as God with respect to the angel. Thus, no matter how much Satan may oppose God, God has no choice but to maintain a stance of love toward Satan.

Satan says to God, "I became an evil monster as a result of the Fall, yet you and good people can't use methods that are similar to mine, can you? I may like to fight, but you are not supposed to enjoy fighting. Even when you take a blow, you have to endure, don't you?" God has to agree with him, because indeed God's philosophy is one of non-resistance.

Why is that? It is because, until the world of the heavenly ideal is manifested on earth, God has to love the archangel Satan, regardless of the circumstances. No matter how much trouble Satan may cause, God cannot punish him or cut him off. He has to establish the condition of having loved Satan regardless of what Satan does. God can only have complete victory when Satan confesses to him, saying, "You truly are a God who loves me. I surrender to you." This is the problem. Because of this, God is in the position of being



With Congressman Danny Davis looking on, Father presents the American Century Award to his friend Alexander Haig, a former US Secretary of State and former Supreme Commander of NATO, on February 2, 2000.



Abdurrahman Wahid, president of Indonesia 1999–2001, Father's friend and ally, congratulating him on his eightieth birthday

tied up by Satan. Since the principle path of the providence of restoration is for God to bring about Satan's surrender by loving him, we who are God's children have to take this same path. It doesn't matter that we are persecuted and abused and regarded by everyone around the world as an enemy. We who are God's children must establish the condition of having loved those who oppose us.

From this perspective, there is amazing truth in God's teaching, "Love your enemy." In fact, this is one of God's strategies in his battle against evil.

These words sound simple. Yet few realize that they mark the boundary line between victory and defeat in the battle between God and Satan.

If God were to adopt a philosophy of looking on Satan as his enemy and seek revenge against him, God would never be able to stand on the pinnacle of victory. Thus, God says, "Love your enemy," and pursues a strategy of love. The words, "Love your enemy" are the culmination of Jesus' teachings.

It is remarkable that Jesus, God's only son, stood before Satan and prayed for him despite the fact that Satan was trying to kill him. If Jesus, as he hung dying on the cross, had felt malice toward his enemies,

God's providence would have suffered a severe setback. Jesus overcame death with a heart to love his enemies and a prayer of blessing for his enemies. That is why Satan surrendered in that moment.

This is where one gains the qualification to be God's eternal child. Even Satan recognizes this qualification and gives his signature of approval. You, too, will be able to stand and say, "Listen, Satan, am I not unmistakably the child of God?" and Satan will reply, "Yes, that is correct." We must conduct ourselves in such a way that when we say to Satan, "You have no right to oppose me and people who live like me, when we expand God's realm of loving dominion, starting from the individual and moving to the family, clan, people, nation and world," Satan's response will be, "That is the Principle, so I cannot do anything about it."

It is under these conditions that God has pursued the providence, centering on the Christian cultural sphere. Whether we have to sacrifice our possessions or even become martyrs, in the midst of the bloody battle we must build a movement that loves God and loves even our enemies. We have to build this movement in our families, in our societies, and in our nations.

The Roman Empire persecuted Christians severely; nevertheless it ended up surrendering in the face of the power of Christians' love for the country that was their enemy. This is how Christianity became a worldwide religion. Christians found the starting point of the path to heaven within the country that was their enemy. These days, Christians think about loving individual people who are their enemies, but that is not enough. We have to love the country that is our enemy, and even the world that is our enemy.

The starting point on the path to heaven is within the country of our enemy. Unless we make the tradition of true love our foundation and go forth on that foundation, we cannot establish the kingdom of heaven on earth. Let us establish this tradition; there can never be a philosophy or teaching greater than this.

When Korea was under Japanese imperial rule, the four providential countries—Korea, Japan, Germany, and the United States—were enemies. Given the circumstances of that time, Japanese and Koreans were enemies, Japanese and Americans were enemies and Americans and Germans were enemies. That is why I brought Japanese and Germans to America, their former enemy country,

and instructed them to help revive America and keep it from falling into ruin. I was practicing the way of God's true love.

I emphasized to the Japanese and Germans that they could not establish a new thinking capable of leading humanity into the new world that God desires unless they set the condition of loving their former enemy, America, even more than their own native lands. Thus I made a new beginning based on the tradition of true love.

People must establish a tradition of loving the countries that are enemies of their country. Yet the only way to make such a historic tradition is with true love from God. We need this foundation if we are to build the kingdom of heaven on earth.

In the days when I was being humiliated by the United States federal government and unjustly brought before a court of law, my response was actually to intensify my effort to give life to America by founding a conservative newspaper, the *Washington Times*, and a media production company. Recently, in my concern for the future of Russia and China after the collapse of communism, I arranged for the publication of dozens of textbooks to generously support the ethical education of teachers and young people.

### **Only boundless sacrifice overcomes suffering**

Everyone here needs to bear one thing in mind. I was involved in the resistance movement against Japanese imperial rule, and from that perspective the Japanese people were my enemy. This was the case for the Korean people as a whole and for me individually. Yet after Japan's defeat in World War II, I lovingly supported Japan.

After the war, I could have reported the identity of the policemen who had taken me into custody and tortured me severely for my activities in the underground independence movement. Had I done this, the Koreans would have executed them. However, when I came across a Japanese policeman who was running for his life, I packed some things for him and helped him escape to safety under the cover of darkness.



True Parents on their joint birthday, True Father's eightieth and True Mother's fifty-seventh

Do you know why so many young people in Japan stake their eternal lives on me and pledge to me their undying loyalty? It is because there is a principle of cause and effect. It dictates that because I gave to Japan, Japan will give back to me. It is because I transcended national boundaries and planted the seeds of true love in Japan, in accordance with God's heart. It is because I planted that foundation with a heart to love the nation that was the enemy of my nation and lead its people to life. That is why Japan today is in my camp. Without even realizing it, Japan is fulfilling its heavenly calling.

As the citizen of a nation under Japanese occupation, I had reason to harbor resentment even toward the Emperor of Japan. Yet he had already been defeated. Heaven does not strike a person who is defeated. In fact, Heaven shows mercy toward those who recognize their sin and apologize. Since this is Heaven's way, a person who raises a sword and strikes a defeated person will find his own descendants driven to ruin.

The United States is also a country that considers me their enemy. However, I left my family behind and diverted my attention from my Korean homeland to bring salvation to the United States. I

threw away everything that belonged to me in order to save the world from Satan.

Think, too, of how much hatred the established Christian denominations have directed toward the Unification Church. It might be said that they consider us enemies. However we must not fight them as enemies. We must come together in love. What happens when we come together in love? The Christian denominations and the Unification Church together will lead the Republic of Korea to fulfill the will of Heaven by embracing the people of North Korea. If the established denominations and the Unification Church had become one immediately after Korea's liberation from Japan in 1945, everything would have been solved then, yet because that did not happen, we have had to make extraordinary sacrifices to overcome enemies—enemies of ourselves as individuals, enemies of our families, enemies of our clan and enemies of our society. In order to attain the position that we would have reached at the outset had there been no conflict, we have labored on this suffering path, while harboring no thought to strike at our enemies. ㄸ

*This text is from Pyeong Hwa Gyeong Book 8 Speech 13. This is the first of two parts.*



# Heaven Raised Korea to Fulfill Providential History

*This was True Mother's Message on the thirteenth anniversary of True Parents' coronation and entrance into Cheon Jeong Gung, which she delivered on July 15 at Cheon Jeong Gung.*





**W**hen we look into Heaven's providential history, if Adam and Eve, who were to become humanity's ancestors, had fulfilled their responsibilities, as God, the Creator, originally had planned, human history wouldn't be what it is today. There would not be a providential history of restoration through indemnity or a providence of salvation.

Regardless of the Fall of humanity's ancestors, God had to fulfill the ideal he envisaged at the time of the Creation. Hence, God had no choice but to conduct the providence of salvation.

As you are well aware, God established a people that he called his chosen people. He worked hard to establish this people, raising them from the individual level to that of the family, tribe, people and nation. Imagine how difficult it must have been that it took God four thousand years to conduct the providence of salvation centered on the first chosen people. Finally God sent to them the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ.

And yet, what happened? The first chosen people, the Israelites, failed. Jesus died on the cross, though he promised to return. The providence of salvation that unfolded after Jesus' promise is the two-thousand-year Christian history that we are aware of today. Unfortunately, adherents of Christianity were unable to completely comprehend God.

### God is our father and mother

Furthermore, they did not understand why the Messiah had to return. This was the issue. God's only son was born through the first chosen people. God created a man and a woman. What you need to know is that the creation of the universe was possible because God, our Creator, exists as God the Father and God the Mother. In his image, God created the first human ancestors. He created a man and a woman. This was the principle by which God created the universe! God created our universe to last for eternity. Hence, a man and a woman, able to fulfill their responsibilities—a man and a woman with no fallen conditions whatsoever—



Young people onstage expressing in song and dance the glorious joy of celebrating True Parents' Coronation and their Ascension into Cheon Jeong Gung.

must appear from among fallen humanity.

Two thousand years ago, God's only son emerged from among the Israelites. God's only daughter, however, did not. Heaven does not continue working through a people that does not fulfill its responsibilities. Why? Because their remaining indemnity must be paid....

The chosen people! A chosen people is a people blessed by Heaven. However, this position comes with responsibilities. They are accountable. Heaven must conclude providential history. God's only daughter was born on the Christian foundation, through the Korean people in 1943.

### Age-old Korean faith

These days, I'm watching *Jumong* again [A historical drama series that aired beginning in 2006] to educate my grandchildren. The term, "*cheon ji shin myeong*" [gods governing heaven and earth] comes up many times in the series. The mediation of female priests is vital in this relationship. The Korean people, ultimately, are a people Heaven raised to conclude providential history. They are his chosen people. The issue, however, is that responsibility comes with that position. True Parents, who finally emerged on earth after six thousand years, opened the door through which fallen humanity can now go to Heavenly Parent as his true children.

The Christian foundation could not become an environment for True Parents. Even now, Christians in this nation are unaware of the

providence. They do not know what they should wait for. They do not know what mission the Messiah will bring with him. True Parents laid today's global foundation from scratch [from nothing]. Unfortunately, Korea, which should become the providence's flagship nation, remains in the dark, just as a lamp cannot illuminate its own base. This is why, for seven years, I have worked on creating an environment that people can see and verify with their own eyes.

In Las Vegas, I brought Christian pastors together and declared in front of them, "I am God's only daughter." What is the path Christianity should take? What is at the end of that path? To save humanity, until now, God has allowed different religions to emerge that fit the people of their respective regions.

We categorize religions roughly into four main types; however, what is their conclusion? Their conclusion is also God's only daughter, the True Mother. Do you understand? Giving birth to a life cannot happen with only a father. A mother is needed. A life is born through the mother.

The same applies to Christian history and to human history. Hence, this nation and this people must fulfill their responsibilities as the chosen people.

This means that while I am still on earth, the day should come when this people, this nation's people, attends the True Mother, the True Parents. Do you understand? You are the central figures of this time. Please fulfill your responsibilities. 7



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## The Value of Cross-Cultural Blessings

*This was True Mother's message at the Chungcheong Hyo Jeong True Family Hope Festival 2019 on July 21 at Yu Gwan Sun Sports Complex, in the city of Cheonan in Korea's South Chungcheong Province.*



A view that takes in the large crowd that had come to hear True Mother's salvific message.

**D**istinguished guests, blessed families who have received the blessing here today, and members of the Chungcheong Family Federation!

This year marks exactly a hundred years since Christian leaders and students arose and shouted for Korea's independence, particularly inspired by patriot Gwan-sun Yu. Their hope was to establish a Korea with God and protected by God. However, when you look at the reality today, Korea is not the unified nation that they had hoped for. Today, I would like to talk about what the mission of the chosen people is.

When you look at the six-thousand-year human history, the first human ancestors were not able to grow according to God's will and ended up falling. As a result, humanity has followed a path having nothing to do with God. However, since God, our Creator, formed his creation with an eternal vision, he could not do anything other than conduct the providential history of salvation to restore humanity. To do that, Heaven chose the Israelites from among fallen humanity as his chosen people. He had to raise them from the individual level to that of the family, tribe, people, and nation.

How difficult must it have been

that it took God four thousand years to do that! Not just forty years but four thousand years! It was only after four thousand years that God sent Jesus Christ, his only son, whom he could call, "My son!" Unfortunately, the chosen people did not know God, the Creator. They also did not know that Jesus Christ had come.

It was after the extended period of four thousand years of restoration through indemnity that God was able to send his only son, whom he could call "My son." What path did the Israelites end up following after failing to become one with him? Jesus lost all the prepared environments and ended up dying on the cross. Yet, faithful followers of Christianity today sincerely believe that they are saved through the blood Jesus shed on the cross.

#### **Find inspiration in history**

While dying on the cross, Jesus promised to return. He said he would return and conduct the marriage supper of the Lamb. Christians, however, did not grasp the true meaning of those words. We are in a time when we must see the completion of human history, a time when we must complete the providence. The Korean people are also a people God has chosen. You all know that to

bring back the flamboyant history of Gojoseon [ancient Joseon] they founded Goguryeo. They were a people that revered Heaven, whom they also called Cheon Ji Shin Myeong.

Originally, God, the Creator, created plus and minus, pistil and stamen, male and female, and a man and woman who were to become the first human ancestors. He created them in his image. God gave humans a portion of the responsibility and a period of growth. Through these, they were to fulfill their responsibilities and attain perfection. That place of perfection is the same as God's.

The first human ancestors were supposed to grow in absolute unity with God. Their failure to do so has produced today's fallen humanity. As a result, human history cannot be eternal.

We have had large, small and successful nations throughout history. Yet none has lasted for eternity. This is because the original owner is God, the Creator. Since our Creator created man with an eternal vision, he needed to restore humankind, which had lost its way. That was the providential history of salvation. Through the first chosen people, the Israelites, God sent Jesus Christ as his only son.



**A new chosen people**

The chosen people, however, were not able to fulfill their responsibilities. In accordance with God's Principle of Creation, God does not work again through a people that failed to fulfill their responsibilities. That is because they have indemnity left to pay. Heaven then selected the Korean people, Asians, as his chosen people. As a people who revered Heaven's will, this chosen people always attended Heaven first in their daily lives. As they waited for the returning Messiah, who had promised to return, the Korean people needed to make preparations for God's only daughter (whose birth could not take place two thousand years ago) to finally be born on the Christian foundation. God's only daughter was born in 1943. God must also give his only daughter a period of growth. Korea's liberation came in 1945. The Korean War broke out in 1950 and Korea became divided into North Korea and South Korea. It took some time for South Korea to form a mature democratic system. In contrast, this was a time when North Korea had already established one system and was making plans to invade South Korea in one fell swoop. Since God had to give his only daughter a period of growth in accordance with the Principle of Creation, God had to protect me. So he made me go to the South.

During the Korean War, UN forces from sixteen nations intervened and protected democracy in South Korea. Under Heaven's protection, Korea today has joined the ranks of developed nations in the economic sector. Yet, this nation remains divided into North Korea and South Korea. We know that unity will be difficult to attain through political power, economic power, or other human-centered methods. What should we do? In this era, even superpowers cannot survive alone. This is a time when we must all live in harmony with one another.

**Korea and Japan need cross-cultural blessings**

However, at the center of it all, a movement to attend God, our Creator, must arise. The True Parents, who are responsible to complete providential history, emerged in 1960. Fallen human beings cannot enter God's presence by themselves. They can only do so through rebirth and the marriage blessing from True Parents. True Parents, who foresaw the problems and future this nation would face, began to conduct cross-cultural marriage blessing ceremonies a long time ago. It has been almost thirty years since we began to educate the young people of Korea and Japan, enemy nations, and to conduct blessing ceremonies that will bring them together in marriage.

Today, we see children of some

- ① As the young people dance, those in their parents' generation wave flags along with the music.
- ② The couple is dramatizing memorized poetry.
- ③ Second-generation members from various countries performing a traditional Korean dance.

Korean politicians or other leaders who are trying to evade mandatory military service. However, more than four thousand young people born to couples from our blessing ceremonies have either begun or have completed their military service even at the cost of giving up one of their nationalities. Many blessed families are following True Parents in this way in about 190 nations. And their hope is to realize one great world of peace that is within Heavenly Parent's bosom, the kingdom of God on earth. If blessed families fulfill their responsibilities, that dream will surely come true within your generation.

All couples that receive the blessing today, as well as all blessed families here with us, are chosen blessed families who are to complete history and Heaven's providence. There cannot be a nation that is an enemy to a chosen nation or family. This is because we are all one family centered on God and True Parents. I sincerely hope that you all become blessed families of the Heavenly Chungcheong nation, who attend Heavenly Parent, practice True Parents' teachings in your lives, and fulfill your responsibilities as blessed chosen people. ☞



# The Value of Christian Roots

*True Mother spoke at the Family Church in Busan on July 25 following the Subregion 3 rally.*



I am truly happy to see you all. I have some good news: My autobiography will be published this November. An interesting set of circumstances comes out on the first page. True Father once said that God's only daughter, the one to become the True Mother, must come from a family in which three generations followed Christianity. When the Independence Movement arose in 1919, my grandmother, Won-mo Jo, took part in the movement that shouted Mansei for Korea's independence, while carrying my mother Soon-ae Hong (Dae-mo nim) on her back. I was born in 1943 and Korea's liberation came in 1945. Then again, Grandmother Won-mo Jo carried her granddaughter on her back and shouted mansei for Korea's liberation. Isn't that somewhat odd? This is because ours was a family Heaven had prepared.

### Christianity and God's only daughter

Two thousand years ago, God sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to become the first victorious human ancestor and True Parent. However, neither Mary, who gave birth to him, Zachariah's family, nor Judaism recognized him. God had finally sent the long, long-awaited Messiah to the Israelites whom he had worked so hard to guide and raise for four thousand years. If those Israelites failed to recognize Jesus, how should we view that?

Though the Bible does not fully express it, Jesus brought up the issue to Mary of him needing to get married several times during his thirty-three years of life. Mary did not fulfill her responsibility. How could she have many children between her and Joseph? She married them all off, yet did not fulfill her duties toward Jesus. Jesus, who had lost all environments, had no place to advance to anymore. But at least, he was able to open the way to spiritual salvation through the cross. That is why he promised to return as he died on the cross. He clearly taught that he would return to have the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The two-thousand-year history of the Christian faith begins in earnest after Jesus' disciples received rebirth through the Holy Spirit. For the Bible to come out took some time, and this



True Mother with congregants of the church in Busan, where the Unification Church has its earliest roots

resulted in many mistakes being repeatedly committed.

The Bible became available to the laity after it was translated from Hebrew into English in the seventeenth century. This gave rise to a movement advocating religious freedom.

A good representation of this movement is the United States of America. It was through the United States that God made preparations for the returning Messiah. The path Heaven took to find humanity after humanity had become lost was tremendously difficult. The course was deeply painful. For God's only daughter, who was to have become Jesus' partner in marriage at the marriage supper of the Lamb, to have emerged through the two-thousand-year Christian providence was essential. Without the birth of God's only daughter, the returning Messiah could not emerge as a True Parent, despite his having returned.

I was born in 1943. Korea received its liberation in 1945. Back then, True Father was in southern Korea. God, however, told True Father, while he was in the south, to go north. Do you understand what that required? It required absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. This was the process of firmly establishing the position of God's only son.

### God's only daughter completes the providence

Heaven had to give me a period of growth, the period during which I became mature. Back then, Korea was in an environment from which the nation could easily have become communist. When Korea was liberated, I was living in the north, because our family believed the Messiah would return in Pyongyang. We were members of a group that offered tremendous devotion, guided by the Holy Spirit and the truth. We were waiting for the returning Messiah, well aware that he would return in the flesh and not on the clouds.

Many men headed south; they would be forced to join the North Korean army were they to remain in the north. Our family did not consider going to the south until we heard news of my uncle. He was studying pharmacology in a Japanese university. After Korea's liberation, we thought he would return home. Instead, we received news that he had joined the army in South Korea. Since we believed that the returning Messiah would return to Pyongyang, we were not even thinking of going south. However, upon hearing that my uncle, who was also the only son in the family, had entered the army in the south, all three women in the family, including my grandmother



(Daemo nim) and I made the southward journey, moving only during the nighttime throughout the journey. Many dramatic incidents took place during that journey.

Two years after I moved south, the Korean War broke out. God's only daughter, who can rise to the position of a True Parent and is to restore lost humanity, was born after six thousand years. Hence, she had to be protected. Heaven had to protect me until I became mature enough to speak on my own volition. Not many among you went through the Korean War. We experienced the miracle of having God with us amidst those circumstances. Though I was young, I felt it was not right to make Heaven wait for much longer, so I decided to take action, thinking, "I am the only one who can do it." Hence, no person needed to educate me.

When you look into the Bible, Adam and Eve were able to speak with God, one-to-one. I did so too. No person taught me the Principle or anything else. Even Father did not. I made my own decisions.

The Principle is not perfect. The section on the Second Coming in the second part of the Divine Principle had to be about the True Parents' ideology. Don't you think so? The Principle of Creation must also be rectified. The Bible says God conduct-

ed the Creation for six days and rested on the seventh day. It is also mentioned that evening passed and morning came, and that was the first day. This, however, does not refer to an actual concept of time.

As you all know, when a couple marries and conceives a child, the child is in the womb for ten months. The baby is born after those ten months. Likewise, God's creation didn't appear simply from God's verbal command. There was a process. Furthermore, life is not born from man alone. A man alone cannot give birth to life. That is why God created a man and woman. However, it isn't that way in the Bible.

Following True Father's holy ascension, I waited and waited before I declared in front of American pastors, "I am God's only daughter." The religious leaders all applauded upon hearing it, saying, "Why didn't we know of something so reasonable and right?"

Catholic priests aren't literally brides. It is God's only daughter that must emerge in front of the returning Messiah. In other words, a woman must emerge.

Sadly, women have been ignored. That is why the providence could not be completed. The completion of the providence begins from God's only daughter.

### May Shin Gyeongsang advance

Before coming here today, you were able to offer devotions again at the Busan holy ground. It must now be revealed that Father began his course here and prepared to meet God's only daughter. Did you know that, or not? In 1960, we emerged as the True Parents. The first thing we did after that was conduct the blessing ceremony. Heavenly Parent's dream and humanity's wish is for us, humanity, to interact with Heavenly Parent as our own parents; that is, become beloved children who can enter their presence. The Fall, however, blocked that path, and it is True Parents alone who can re-open that way.

As the True Parents, it is embarrassing that the True Children do not know how True Parents emerged. God's creation is the same. After Adam's and Eve's births, God gave them a period of growth. That was a period of education. If they had grown and attained perfection, focusing only on God in absolute unity with God, not looking to the side, and listening only to the word, from God, that place of perfection would have been one with God. That place would have been one in which Heavenly Parent and True Parents attained unity.

Heavenly Parent, who remained in spirit for a long time, wanted to embrace and love his children as true parents of this visible, physical world. However, that tremendous grace was lost through the Fall. And it is True Parents who restored that grace!

There are no second or third True Parents. There is only one couple, True Parents. Your second- and third-generation children also call us True Parents, True Mother. It is essential for the long-time members to digest this well. True Parents were established for eternity. Hence, if you refrain from looking elsewhere and become one with God's only daughter, the True Mother, you will be victorious!

You have responsibilities as blessed children in front of True Parents, in front of Heavenly Parent. You must achieve national restoration. The Heavenly Gyeongsang nation needs ascend even faster. Will you do that? [Yes] I'll put my trust in you. I love you. ㄹ

# Celebration: Coronation, Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance, July 15







- ① True Mother cutting the victory celebration cake
- ② A gracious toast
- ③ True Mother speaking to the assembled leaders
- ④ Yeon Ah Moon, president of UPF-Korea and Julia HJ Moon, international president of WFWP presented flowers to True Mother.
- ⑤ Ki-seong Lee chairman of FFWPU-Heavenly Korea and Eiji Tokuno, president of FFWPU-Heavenly Japan, presented gifts to True Mother.
- ⑥ Executive members of the Cheon Won Gung Planning Committee presented models to True Mother (True Mother recently changed the name "Cheonji Sunhak Won" to "Cheon Won Gung")
- ⑦ Secretary General Yun read a special report; Chairman Lee prayed; Secretariat Chief Jeong-McDevitt read hoondokhae; Chairman Tokuno proposed a toast; Managing Director Kim gave a special report as did Executive Committee Member Kim
- ⑧ Three cheers of Og Mansei!



# Chungcheong 2019 Hyojeong True Family Hope Festival July 21





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- ① True Mother speaking to the large audience
- ② Song In-young, the president of subregion 3, was the chairman of the Organizing Committee; National Assemblyman Kyu-hwan Kim gave congratulatory remarks as did Seung-jo Yang, South Chungcheong Province governor, National Assemblyman Jae-sae Oh and Japanese Diet member, Takuchi Yanagimoto.
- ③ Governor Yang presented awards to exemplary citizens.
- ④ President Ki-seong Lee presenting awards to public-minded members
- ⑤ Chungnam Province regional leader, Yeong-ho Song, and his wife Taiko Saito presenting flowers to True Mother.
- ⑥ Representative couples onstage to receive the blessing
- ⑦ Religious leaders stood side-by-side
- ⑧ Being in Yu Gwan-soon Gymnasium, it was appropriate that they ended with cheers of Manse!



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# Subregion 3 Victory Event on July 21 at Sun Moon University



- ① True Mother addressing the members at the victory celebration at Sun Moon University
- ② Yun-ho Ok, leader of North Chungcheong Province, and his wife Sun-yong Yun presenting flowers to True Mother.
- ③ Subregion 3 President In-yeong Song giving a present to True Mother on behalf of the members he leads.
- ④ Dr Sun-jo Hwang, president of Sun Moon University, and his wife Song-suk Moon offer presents to True Mother.
- ⑤ Yeon-ah Moon, president of UPF-Korea lighting the candles on the celebration cake
- ⑥ A view of the hall in the main building of Sun Moon University as True Mother speaks to the assembled members.





# Heavenly Gyeongsan Nation, Meeting Centered on True Parents





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- ① Our radiant True Mother!
- ② From Left: Secretary General Yun gave a special report; Chief of Staff Jeong-Wonju led hoondokhae; Ulsan District Pastor Lee gave a report prayer and Subregional Leader Yeong-bae Pak conducted the event as the master of ceremonies.
- ③ A view of the stage as True Mother speaks at the Busan Family Church
- ④ True Mother and Yeon-ah Moon, president of UPF-Korea, with the victory celebration cake
- ⑤ The Busan Family Church was fired up and anxious to bring joy to True Mother during rehearsals for True Mother's visit and the victory celebration.
- ⑥ Young people put on a Hyo Jeong Cultural Performance.
- ⑦ Three cheers of Og Mansei!



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# BLESSING COUPLES AT A PUBLIC FESTIVAL

By Nikolay Chuistov







*Title page:* [Photo by Dimitrios, via Wikimedia] The Tikvin Monastery is still an active religious center, despite its age and attempts by various invaders to destroy it. *Above:* By willingly trying something different, these members blessed a hundred and twenty couples.

**N**ine families from St. Petersburg worked together to hold a impromptu festival of happy families in the city of Tikhvin (in the Leningrad region) on July 6. Nikolay and Natalya Chuistov, Alexey and Lyudmila Nekrasov, Nikolay Sokurov, Vitaly Adamenko and his oldest daughter, Alena (a second-generation member), Lyudmila Moskvina, Tatyana Mikhailova, Elena Mikhailova, Igor Goryansky, and Natalya Kuzbit reached their goal of blessing a hundred and twenty couples.

We held the festival as part of the celebration of Tikhvin's City Day with the consent of the city administration. A month before this (June 10–11), the Family Federation had held a conference in Tikhvin, thanks to which we met with representatives of the administration and submitted an application to hold the festival on City Day. It was not easy to get permission—they accepted it only three days before the event. The authorities also reacted negatively to the collection of personal data (name, phone number, email), so the festival participants had to write information in notebooks and then put all this information together.

Natasha and I have been encouraging the maximum number of St. Petersburg brothers and sisters to take part in the heavenly tribal messiah mission. Therefore, we invited everyone and promised to divide the

results so that the brothers and sisters could start their own tribe, pray for their couples, take part in the creation of an exemplary settlement in Tikhvin. The result was some very well-coordinated teamwork. Natasha and I were a representative couple, and the other brothers and sisters invited couples, explained about the Family Federation and the festival and collected data.

#### **Support from others**

Immense help came from the New Life Church of Evangelical Christians. The pastor, Viktor Mikhailovich Markelov, provided us with a huge tent (ten by six meters), helped with the installation and provided us with benches and chairs.


To diversify the program, we prepared a test about the five languages of love and distributed the test to couples so that they could get to know each other better.

We also offered couples a free photo session. We chose the most beautiful place for the tent near the lake, opposite the old monastery and invited a great photographer, our brother Alexey Nekrasov. We prepared props, including a heart carved with angels on wood from a tree. We handed out colorful booklets to couples that included information about the festival of happy families and about the Family Federation and its founders.

#### **Support from the spiritual world**

As usual, a spiritual foundation is essential. Unfortunately, some participants decided to help in the festival only at the last minute. Several others had other engagements on that day. Therefore, it was not possible to get everyone together in advance to coordinate our activities.

An interesting observation regarding the work of the spiritual world: Couples willingly participated in the three ceremonies. Some wept. One couple said that recently they had been thinking they would like to renew their marriage vows, re-do their marriage ceremony. And after the 120<sup>th</sup> couple (when we had completed the goal), a couple came who refused to drink the holy juice and did not want to confirm some points of the vow. It felt as if the good spiritual world had fulfilled its obligations and then left. We decided to finish our day at that point, especially since it was already quite late, and we had been working for nine hours.

A festival is also a way to get acquainted with VIPs. One of the participants (Lyuda Moskvina) met the director of the children's health and educational camp. He became interested in master classes for children. We will call him. 

*Mr. Chuistov is with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification-Russia*

# TRAINING FOR AFRICAN YOUTH MISSIONARIES

By Jean Augustin Ghomsi

**F**orty-six youth missionaries went out to the mission field today, July 12, after a twenty-one-day workshop at the Heavenly Africa Regional Headquarters and the HJ Cheonbo Heaven and Earth Training Center in Lusaka, Zambia that we had organized for fifty-four youths. It started on June 17, after Zambia's HJ Cheonbo Workshop, June 15–16. The participants came from nine countries—Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The purpose was to train youth missionaries and send them to six strategic and emerging nations—Kenya, Lesotho, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa and Zambia—to accelerate the providence of national restoration in these countries. To ensure this, we emphasized helping each participant to connect heart-to-heart with True Mother and create in them a *hyo jeong* spirit.

The program started every morning at 5:00 AM with “Bounce,” True Mother’s exercise routine, led by Rev. David Isaac Phiri, the Zambian national leader and general coordinator. From 6:00 AM they did *hoondokhae*. The first week’s *hoondokhae* focused on Book Seven of the *Cheong Seong Gyeong*; while the second week was on Book 8 and

the third week was on Book 4.

The first week program focused on Divine Principle study with emphasis on how to apply it in one’s daily life. The second week focused on Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel problems, True Parents’ life courses and the blessing. The third week focused on lecture practice, witnessing, raising funds and heavenly traditions.

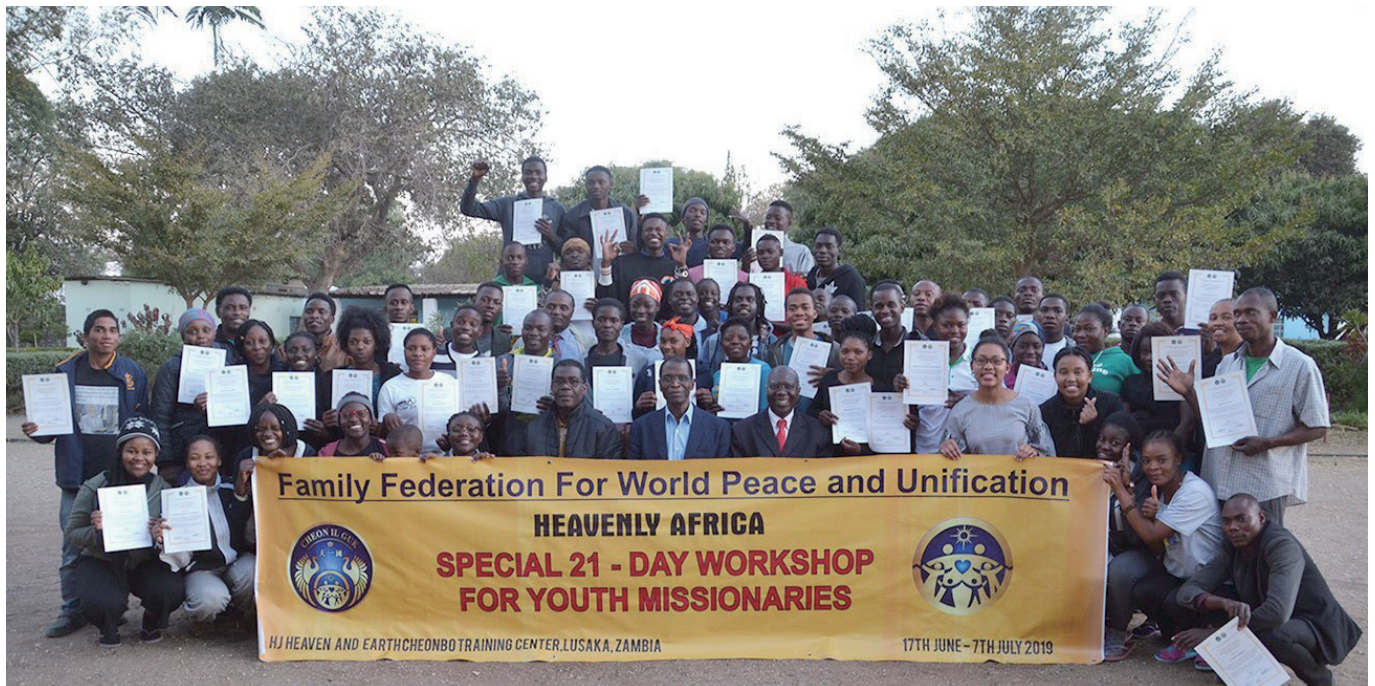
During the three weeks some older members gave testimonies and

lectures on self-confidence and on making and sticking to a budget. The main lecturers were Rev. Mwalagho Kililo, national leader of Kenya, and I, the Heavenly Africa witnessing and education director.

The foundation of this workshop started in South Africa. Twenty of the youths who attended True Mother were inspired to go on a mission. Most were ready to work for national restoration at least for the next year to ensure the success of



Missionaries in training absorbing advice, warnings and inspiration from Africa Group Chairman Camara



Completion certificates in hand, they have emerged victorious from a twenty-one day missionary-preparation workshop.

## Vision 2020.

Rev. Bakary Camara, our regional group chairman, had an opportunity to talk to them through a Zoom meeting on July 7. He shared with them True Mother's heart as she expressed it in Las Vegas when he reported to her about their desire to make True Mother happy by contributing to national restoration. He said, "True Mother clapped when she heard the report."

The workshop went well. On July 8 they spent the day in meditation and jeongseong (five sets of twenty-one-minute prayers and twenty-one full bows) while Rev. Kililo and I interviewed them individually.

On July 9, Rev. Camara spent the day listening to their testimonies and in the evening they all took part in a draw to determine their mission country for the next year. The five countries drawn were Kenya, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa and Zambia.

On Thursday, July 11, Rev. Camara spoke to them about his expectation and wish that each can work to get rid of "false traditions, bad culture and a bad lifestyle" by establishing a proper foundation of faith through following Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' way. "The Principle works very well," he said, "It is even more reliable than your mobile phone. Please don't play around with it. Protect yourselves.

Don't eat. Don't touch. Don't look. Don't think and don't dream." He explained the meaning of each of these commandments. He also reminded them of the need to establish the foundation of substance by incarnating the word and learning to serve others by living for the sake of others.

He also shared with them about the emergency time we are in and the need to make some sacrifices of time to invest in the fulfillment of Cheon Il

Guk. He said they will be proud and their descendants will be proud that they contributed to the fulfillment of Heaven's will while True Mother at least is still on earth.

Rev. Camara is looking forward to more workshops like this one in West Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo to get more young people to commit to taking up a public mission. The fact is clear: We need to harness more human resources for all that we must do at this time! *✍*

## Reflections

I really want to keep helping True Mother. I never want to hear her say that she feels alone because I am here for her and I know that if Mother is happy, God is happy; when she smiles, HP is smiling. I want to be able to give them all of me so that Mother can smile more."

— Jyumi Stephanie Chisha, Zambia

In this twenty-one-day workshop, I learned a lot. I started to realize the truth and my position in the world. Such as why God created me and what I am supposed to do in my daily life on earth. So I would like to thank Papa Ghomsi. First, he is a true central figure, a True Papa. He stands by his authority. He stood firm, guiding us to a proper position. Again, I learned that to be a good leader, depends on me—how much I believe in myself and how I behave. My behavior judges me. I want to thank the lecturer, Papa Kililo for the lessons. He motivates, encourages.

— Member Museredza (Zimbabwe)

# FOR CARP MALAYSIA, A WORKSHOP IS A GROWING EXPERIENCE

**F**rom July 2 to July 22, CARP Malaysia experienced its annual twenty-one-day Divine Principle workshop in Penang, a Malaysian state located on the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia, by the Malacca Strait.

- ① Malaysian CARP members interacting with a lecturer
- ② The workshop sought to provide a visceral sense of the price the Messiah paid for our salvation. Here, members reenact torture True Father suffered in prison.
- ③ Will you fulfill your dream? As others shout discouraging remarks, blindfolded and bound, CARP members crawl uphill for fifty meters (164 feet) to a finish line.
- ④ Internal fire is a precious resource. The Malaysian movement provided a potentially life-altering workshop for these dedicated members.

Penang has two parts: Penang Island, where the state's capital city, George Town, is located, and Seberang Perai, the part of Penang on the mainland of the Malay Peninsula. The island connects to the mainland via Malaysia's two longest road bridges, the Penang Bridge and the Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah Bridge.

This year seventeen CARP members participated in our workshop. The workshop covered the main lectures from *Exposition of the Divine Principle* and included some internal guidance topics to deepen the CARP members' understanding of the Divine Principle, to deepen their hearts and to help them meet chal-

lenges in their lives of faith.

Additionally, we carried out a variety of activities to help the participants experience Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' *shimjeong*. For anyone to understand the lives of True Parents or what they went through simply by reading our holy scripture books, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Cham Bumo Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* or even *As a Peace Loving Global Citizen* is not easy. Without harming our precious members (see photos), we wished that they have a experiences to help them feel closer to our True Parents by symbolically going through the type of difficulties our True Father and True Mother have faced. True Parents have indeed





Title page: An aerial view of Penang Island and mainland Malaysia. Above: Bright, young Malaysian CARP members come together yearly to do a twenty-one-day Divine Principle workshop.

lived every moment of their lives on the front line and have gone through attacks by Satan to help rectify our sins and our mistakes and those of all mankind.

### Experiential learning

CARP members performed creative movements in harmony with holy songs. They performed these during Sunday Service for blessed family members. Through drama performances, they also conveyed the deepest hearts of the various central figures including Abraham, Jesus and True Father. Through the drama performances, they could substantially feel True Father's sacrifices and love so very deeply.

We also conducted another activity with the name "Along with God," a game in which when a player makes a mistake God needs to carry the player on his back.

This game helped the participants to realize the truth that Heavenly Parent has been suffering so very much and enduring difficulties, despite not being the one who has made mistakes. Rather than Heavenly Parent, it is we, his children, whose ancestors committed the sin in the beginning, while we have also sinned and have prolonged the course of restoration through indemnity.

The twenty-one-day workshop has strengthened the faith of our CARP members. Their determination to

make a difference in the providence was tested by the activity of "Moving toward your Dream." Despite all the discouragement and criticism surrounding them, they managed to accomplish the task of climbing up the beach for fifty meters. It seemed that from this all the participants felt inspired and gained greater determination to break through the trials in their lives of faith. Six of the CARP members that have just graduated from university pledged to become full-time members to support God's will wholeheartedly. *TP*

*CARP Malaysia submitted this to PeaceTv with videos. It has been modified for inclusion in TPmagazine.*





# FAITHFUL PIONEER AND MARTYR

*Exemplary Piety: Marie Živná, whom Father declared a martyr in 1994, on the fortieth anniversary of the founding of HSAUWC*

# Background Notes on Czechoslovakia

Czechoslovakia was formed out of the remnants of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, which was dissolved as a result of World War I. Some decades later, having annexed Austria, Adolf Hitler used Czechoslovakia as a stepping-stone to his invasion of Poland and his abortive conquest of Europe. He began with a familiar ruse. Claiming that those in the large ethnic German minority group in the Sudetenland were being abused, he demanded the territory be given to Germany. To stave off war that might involve their own countries, Neville Chamberlain, the British prime minister; and Édouard Daladier, the French prime minister, flew to Germany to negotiate with Hitler and his ally Benito Mussolini. There, on September 29, 1938, they signed the Munich Pact, which dealt with one issue only. The pact held the signatories responsible to take the steps necessary to secure Czechoslovakia's cession of Sudetenland to Germany.

In Prime Minister Chamberlain's own words, "When we were convinced... that nothing any longer would keep the Sudetenland within the Czechoslovakian state, we urged the Czech government as strongly as we could to agree to the cession of territory, and to agree promptly." The man that the two prime ministers convinced to cede the Sudetenland was President Edvard Benes.

Two days later, German troops marched into the Sudetenland. In March 1939, mechanized columns of Germany Army troops entered and occupied Prague. Shortly thereafter Hitler dissolved Czechoslovakia. His conquest of Europe had begun.


German occupation of Czechoslovakia ended when the Soviet Red Army, with some Czechoslovakian troops, reached Prague in May 1945. The following month, a government was reestablished under the pre-war president, Edvard Benes. During the war, Benes had gone to Moscow and met Stalin. He admired some aspects of socialism in practice and was appalled by others. Following the war, communists held power in local government bodies and gradually encroached on the national level. Though sympathetic to socialism, Benes worked to resist the growing communist influence. Nevertheless, his radicalism lost him the moral and financial support of Western democratic powers. In elections to the Constitutional National Assembly in 1946, the

Communist Party won 38 percent of the vote, more than any other party. Communist figures thus gained key government posts. Before elections could be held in 1948, the communists ousted Benes and took control, renaming the nation the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. What followed was harsh Stalinist repression.

Twenty years later, in January 1968, Alexander Dubcek became head of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (CPCz) replacing an unpopular leader, Antonín Novotný, who had joined the CPCz soon after it was founded in 1921 and had been a key figure in deposing Edvard Benes in 1948.

Dubcek proceeded to reform the CPCz. In what he called a "unique experiment in democratic communism," he sought to liberalize many sectors of the government and society. Censorship was eased and allowing political parties to compete against the CPCz was openly considered but not done. The government did take steps to improve relations with the West. During this period, a few precious months, the people of Czechoslovakia experienced much greater freedom in their lives.

Dubcek's communist overlords felt seriously threatened by this. Neighboring countries were jittery in fear that the sweet taste of freedom would compel their own citizens to rise in rebellion against the domination they were accustomed to being under. By August 18, the Soviet Union had decided to invade Czechoslovakia "even if it leads to a third world war." On August 20, "to come to the aid of the working class and...to defend socialist gains," an estimated half million troops from the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, and East Germany invaded Czechoslovakia. Dubcek and other party leaders were spirited off to Moscow where they were coerced into signing a document renouncing some of the reforms and "permitting" Soviet troops to occupy Czechoslovakia. The occupation of Czechoslovakia would last two decades. Dubcek returned to Czechoslovakia. Eventually, he opened a locksmith shop in Bratislava.

Dubcek's replacement, Gustav Husak restored the frigid atmosphere that had preceded the liberalization efforts. The people's most poignant response to this was delivered by a nineteen-year-old student Jan Palach, who died by self-immolation in Wenceslas Square in Prague as an act of protest on January 26, 1969. 

# Marie Živná's Course of Faith

By Juraj Lajda



The village of Svojanov, Marie Živná's hometown





**Above:** Marie Živná father was never told what caused his daughter's death. **Right:** Svojanov Castle, where Marie's father was the caretaker. The church held a workshop there.



For Czechoslovakia, 1968 was very important. For several months, it seemed that the political oppression that the nation had been suffering under would come to an end. The political changes of the so called “Prague Spring”<sup>1</sup> brought great hope to many people. Reforming communism and bringing peace and freedom to the nation seemed possible.

The church national leader of Germany, Paul Werner, felt that this was a good time to send a missionary to Czechoslovakia. Emilie Steberl, the first missionary crossed the border on October 30, 1968, and came to Bratislava. She started a dangerous mission. How was she to witness and find new members? Under communism, our missionaries and members had to work carefully and secretly. Within a year Emilie could find twelve new members. In 1970 she had to leave Czechoslovakia because it

had become too dangerous for her. At that time, the foundation for our movement was established and witnessing continued under the leadership of our Slovak sister Betka Danišková.<sup>2</sup>

Marie Živná was one of the first members of the Unification Church in Czechoslovakia—she joined in 1972. She was a student of art at the university in the city of Brno. Michal Glonda, a brother who studied at the same university, invited Marie for a three-day seminar and explained the Divine Principle to her. Marie later mentioned that it was clear to her on the very first day that this was the truth, but she did not say that until the seminar ended. Afterward she announced that she would join our church and started to work as a full-time member. She stopped studying, though she was in her final year and had been preparing for her thesis and final exams.

Marie was a very humble person and had a religious background. She had a good heart but did not speak much, being a bit introverted. She was always ready to help others. She had a

sister and a brother; her parents lived near Brno at the Svojanov Castle.<sup>3</sup> Her father worked as the caretaker and tour guide at the castle.

Very soon Marie became the assistant to the national leader Betka Danišková. She led a very sacrificial life and protected Betka as much as she could. Marie was always taking care of the members; her smile could help solve many problems! In 1972, Marie organized a national meeting at Svojanov Castle—more than thirty members came. Most of them were students, full of enthusiasm to change the world. This was the first national meeting in our country.

When Marie became the assistant to the national leader Betka Danišková, it was a big help. She really could forget about herself and unconditionally support our leader. Her understanding of principle was very clear and connected with God.

On Christmas day, 1972, she had a very bad car accident. Four other sisters were with her in the car including Betka. That nobody died was a miracle. Marie suffered a light brain shock and lost con-

1 After Alexander Dubček—an idealist and a close friend of Leonid Brezhnev—became first-secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia on January 5 1968. He began initiating political and economic reforms in an attempt to transform communism from within. On August 20, in the same year, Brezhnev sent in two hundred thousand Warsaw Pact troops behind two thousand tanks to quell dissent.

2 She joined in January 1969. While she led the church, they opened centers in eighteen cities and sent missionaries to other countries.

3 Once home to Přemysl Otakar II, who ruled Czech lands 1253–1278, it was rebuilt after a fire in 1842.



National level members' meeting at Svojanov Castle, where Marie Živná (the first person left of center) lived with her family. The members had a workshop there. In communist Czechoslovakia that constituted criminal activity.

sciousness. Betka's spinal cord was severed, paralyzing her. Marie was always thinking of her. During the entire period that Betka was in the hospital and afterward, Marie took care of her as if she were Betka's loving mother. She forgot about her own pain in order to care for Betka. Later, while in prison when she met Betka in the corridor by chance, Marie's first question was, "Do you have warm clothes, Betka?"

The communist secret police had been observing us since 1971. In September 1973, persecution of the Unification Church members began and members were arrested. Within several weeks almost thirty members were imprisoned. Marie was one of the last ones arrested. She worked silently and seemed to be invisible, so the secret police were not able to find

her easily.

Being very close to our national leader, Betka, Marie knew many things, but Marie pretended to know nothing. She gave very little information, said nothing of importance, when the police interrogated her.

Marie was arrested in late autumn 1973. With other brothers and sisters she was awaiting trial in Bratislava Prison. The trial began July 2, 1974 and lasted until July 19.

On Easter Thursday,<sup>4</sup> April 16, 1974, Marie died under suspicious circumstances in prison. The prison police sent a telegram to her parents stating that their daughter was dead. They were shocked and immediately traveled to Bratislava to

<sup>4</sup> Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter on Thursday.

visit the prison. The police gave them her dead body in a copper coffin. The coffin was sealed and nobody was supposed to open it. Marie's parents did not obey the officials' instructions. They opened the coffin. What they saw was terrible—there she lay with gray hair.

Her funeral was a big event in her home village. Marie had a very good reputation and people did not believe that she had lost her life accidentally. About a thousand people came to her funeral, many expressing doubts about her death and accusing the communist regime of killing innocent people. Marie became a symbol of resistance against communism. Also at the funeral were numerous secret agents.

In 1976 a brother had a dream about Marie. She looked very nice and healthy and had a round face. There was another girl with her in the dream. Marie said, "Why do my parents think I am dead? I live, in reality."

In 1994 True Parents recognized Marie Živná as a Unification Church martyr. She offered her life for the mission under very difficult circumstances. *TP*

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A lecture in Ostravice, a popular resort area in what was then Czechoslovakia

# A Long-Ago Trial and Those We Left Behind

*This interview of Juraj Lajda took place in February 2014 in Korea. He is one of perhaps a dozen members that maintained their faith among nearly thirty that endured prison sentences in Czechoslovakia forty years ago. He was witnessed to by the same person that witnessed to Marie živná, who was among those arrested and who died in prison.*



Juraj Lajda at Marie Živná grave

## True Peace magazine: I heard that you looked for government records.

Since the fall of communism, we can go into the secret police archives. I went there three years ago. The main trial was in Slovakia, in Bratislava, and three or four other trials occurred in smaller courts. When I was in the archives, I saw a lot of materials, a huge amount. I couldn't go through everything. I did learn some interesting things.

For instance, the secret police established almost a hundred points on how to manipulate the overall process. They gave guidelines to the interrogators and the people who incarcerated us. They had planned to start putting us into prison in May or June before a holy day in 1973, but then somehow this plan was not accepted. The prosecutor suggested that they postpone it, so they decided to begin the whole process after the summer holiday, in September, and that is exactly what happened.

The first one arrested was a brother in the city of Ostrava on September 13, 1973. A week later, on the twentieth, at 11 PM, they came to the center where the national leader, Betka Danišková, was living with some sisters. They arrested them on that night, September 21. On the twenty-fourth, another brother was arrested in Prague. I was arrested on the eighth of October. Step by step, we were put into prison. This is how it happened.

In the archives, I could see some points about how they interrogated people—who spoke and what he said—so many materials and documents. The interrogators had guidelines on how to put the questions. This is a fact, documented in the archives. They said that you have to formulate the question in such a way that the answer goes naturally in a direction that confirms the criminal activity. Basically, they manipulated the structure of the sentence to lead to the alleged criminal activity.

Of course, we were young people. We had no experience. They said that we were doing this, this and this, but our motivation was completely different from how they presented it. This is in the archives.

## Did you find anything about Marie Živná?

I tried to find a medical report about Marie Živná. They just said that she had seen a doctor, shortly before, the prison doctor, and that some people in her cell said that she seemed strange somehow. So they put her in isolation, solitary confinement.

This is a kind of punishment. They put her in solitary and whatever happened, I think it happened there. It could have been rape; you know, some policeman... Who knows? Absolutely, I can say that she knew the Divine Principle. That is one point. She couldn't have done it to herself.<sup>1</sup> Also, there was no witness; she was alone. I remember seeing the telegram that her parents received, saying that she was dead. Her parents showed me this when I visited them. It just said that she had died and to come the next day and so on. They didn't explain anything to her parents.

I think when they opened... The policemen were told that they could not show the parents her dead body or something along that line, but they did somehow and she had a very gray face...

## She had white hair?<sup>2</sup>

Yes. Maybe. It was all very strange. The parents didn't know about this when they sent the coffin. It was sealed, a metal coffin, copper.

It has now been forty years; it happened in 1974. I think April 12; it was Easter-time, a Thursday or Friday.<sup>3</sup>

At that time, we could not imagine what would happen. Even now, how do you describe communism? I, myself, forget the atmosphere thirty or forty years ago under communism. You cannot imagine. We could not do anything and spies were everywhere. But at that time, in 1974, she had a big funeral. That was something unusual. There were secret policemen there.

1 That is, she would not have committed suicide.

2 In an interview in the September 2001 issue of *Today's World*, another fellow prisoner, Dorota Simikova, had said that Marie's hair had turned white.

3 April 12 was a Friday that year. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter Thursday.

Because the people could not believe it, maybe a thousand people came—many, many people came. They knew her in the village. I don't know if it was a thousand, but it was many. It was an event for a small village. They couldn't believe the official report. I don't know what the official report said about why she died, but they couldn't believe it. They were persuaded that something had happened, that the communists had done something wrong.

Even now, we have an ambassador for peace that remembers her. He was in MEPI in 2007, and he was very inspired by that. He is a journalist, a theater critic. He reviews dramas and plays. Recently, we were speaking about her and he said, "It is my desire to make a documentary film about her. I have to admit that I will not be happy until I do this. I even want to ask the government for support. I need more information."

He knew her. He said that she was a beautiful girl; many students wanted to date her. He remembers her like that. He remembers her as excellent and very intelligent. She was in the last year of her studies in the city of Brno. Speaking to this ambassador for peace was interesting.

## How long were you in prison?

I experienced thirty-eight months in prison. The most difficult time was the first year. We were so cold. We were incarcerated and we were being interrogated. There are certain levels in criminal law. At first you are just "accused." Then you are "sentenced." These are legal expressions, but also your status is different, because during the process until the moment you are sentenced, during the trial, you are still innocent, so you have different rights. Also, this is the most difficult time because you are in a cell and you are doing just nothing. They come. They bring people and they go. This lasted a year.

The process itself, the trial, last three weeks. Until that time, they were very careful that I do not destroy myself<sup>4</sup> or that something happens to me.

But then I have a different status, I am now a criminal. This was con-

4 Dr. Ladja's direct way of referring to suicide



Flowers for Marie at the martyrs' memorial in Ružinov, Bratislava



sheet of metal and we used a press and just ran the machine. I was the best worker five times.

#### Similar to Father.

**M**aybe.

#### What was life like outside of the work?

**T**he first year was just waiting in a cell, which was very small. I remember that once... It was terrible. There was one person who was accused because he misused his daughter. Spiritually, it was terrible, and it was for the second time in his life. Sometimes, I thought a fellow prisoner was a murderer. You are incarcerated with them.

There was always coming and going, but I was there for a long time, so once we were two in the cell, three, four, five. This changed all the time. In prison we could meet other brothers and sisters, though during the trial process, we were completely isolated. We might have influenced each other. Once we were sentenced, they didn't care anymore. So we were together.

The place to which they sent us had criminals, real criminals. The prison camp was outside Bratislava (the capital) about 120 km, in a smaller city. It was a fortress, a fourteenth century fortress... Even during the Hapsburg Monarchy, they used it as a prison. It had very thick walls. During the Second World War

firmed by the trial.

We were then moved to another part of the prison and were waiting for an escort to take us to the prison camp. This was a different life. It was prison life. You were working. You had eight hours of work because there are some companies... We worked in an area of the prison buildings. Of course nobody talked about your crime. You just existed. But you did have give and take. You were living. You were working eight hours and you had some—not "free" time, but you could watch TV or whatever. You were with other prisoners.

#### What kind of products did you make?

**W**e made bottles for blood, a special bottle that has a drip valve. This was from rubber. You had to cut a number of them out using scissors from a sheet of rubber. There were so many that you couldn't do them all. We also made laundry clips. The quota was 2,700. Impossible! Fifty percent of the quota was a success. Nobody could do that. Your fingers would quickly become destroyed. This was in the beginning. Later, we had quite good work. We used some machines. We made some spare parts for cars. There was a big

it was also a prison. Political prisoners—when the communists persecuted people—they always put them there.

The policemen, when they saw us in the prison, said, “But they are not criminals.” They could see it in our faces. In prison you can see the character of a person very quickly because you are with the person twenty-four hours a day—you cannot escape. You are in one cell for twenty-four hours, so there are very quickly conflicts or some situations. Through these you can see a person’s character. If you are free—if you are not in prison, if you don’t like someone you don’t meet him. In prison you don’t have this choice.

The policemen, they were of course not university people, but I wouldn’t say they were primitive. They could see; they had a sense, from working with these prisoners. “You are not criminals. What happened?” Of course, we couldn’t talk and they shouldn’t have asked us. It was not allowed.

We could make friends with them, with the prisoners. This is the next point. We tried to serve them.

In one sense there were norms. It was a workshop. Normally you had to make a certain number of products during eight hours, but sometimes it was impossible to make the quota and you were punished by receiving a half-ration of food. We were young at the time, but there were also old people there.

There was a rule that when you criticized the country’s president—called him an idiot or said something bad—you could go to prison. There were such cases with older people, some of whom couldn’t do the quota. So we were giving to them. You know, I made 150 percent, so I gave him 50 percent. Somehow we helped each other. And we tried to listen to their stories. I think they could see. We were always quiet. We were always thinking about True Father in Hungnam. Without this, we couldn’t survive. We made a relationship to serve them.

I think True Father was behind us. I remember that many years after we came out of prison, after the fall of communism, when we were free to meet many other brothers and sisters around the world, some Japanese

missionaries told us that they remembered that in 1975 or 1976 at a Sunday service in the morning, Father went to the holy ground and prayed. He didn’t say for whom, but he was praying for people in prison.

I was moved. He protected us. We didn’t know. Because anything could happen. One prisoner told me once, I will cut your ears off. I said, Okay, please do.

You know, some people were crazy. They had been three, four, five years in one place with no family—all the conflicts, all the resentment. They were crazy. Anything could have happened. Somebody might kill you and nobody knows who. So I was moved by hearing about Father’s prayer.

Basically we got out of prison; we survived. Also I have to say that during the interrogation process, they speak to someone at your school, some teacher or someone else to speak about you, give an evaluation. They asked what kind of person you were, about your character. Or they asked the local authorities where you were living.

They were expecting people to write negatively, because this was the whole atmosphere in society but suddenly good people appeared. They said, Never. I will not sign this! In the university where I was studying, the head of the department was a very strong communist. She wrote a very bad character evaluation of me. The other professors said, “We will not sign this. It isn’t true. You will have to rewrite this. We do not know him like this.” This moved me.

There are many things I might say. Somehow we didn’t lose faith. This is the only point. There were other brothers and sisters who left; it was very difficult. I have no resentment. I think twelve people from that time survived and then we started to meet each other, secretly. It was up to you. Either you survived or you disappeared. There was God and you, no central figures, no brothers or sisters, nothing.

#### Some did not survive.

For instance, some members married during that time, and we knew that we cannot marry. This was clear. Of course, some members left completely. Some sur-

vived. That was how it was.

#### When they released you, on what grounds did they say you were free?

I finished my sentence. I asked for half. After half the sentence has been served, you can ask, but I was rejected.

#### Did your record stay with you?

Yes, yes of course. After five years it is automatically erased, but you can ask after half that period that they erase it, if you are a very good citizen. I did this and I received that. It helped a lot. I had been in my final year of university, and when I was arrested, of course, they kicked me out immediately. When I came out of prison I wanted to continue my studies, but the dean kicked me out three times. He said, “You? You want to study? You, the enemy of socialism? You were already given a chance and you failed. You disappointed society.”

So, I tried in Prague and in other cities, but I still had this record. Then, the next year, I applied in the city of Brno and the record had been erased. So my documents were much better. Of course, the police knew, but the law was that for official use you don’t need to speak about it. It is as if you are not a criminal. But very deeply the police knew.

This helped me. They accepted me and I could finally finish. The school did not know much—but it was strange. I was thirty years old and studying with eighteen- and nineteen-year-olds. Nobody knew who I was but people in Brno are very good. I thought they didn’t know, but then they found out somehow but they kept silent.

#### When were you blessed?

1982

#### All the people in prison were single?

Yes. Of course. We were shocked when we were offered the chance to go to the blessing because we thought we must first fulfill the first blessing. I should be perfect myself and then God comes to give the second blessing.

Such pure faith! 

# My Life with Marie Živná

By Betka Danišková

In 1968, Ema Steberle came to Slovakia. She was sent from Austria to establish the group of Divine Principle followers. Thanks to her patience and endurance, I accepted the Principle on January 25, 1969. After she had left Czechoslovakia, Ema Steberl appointed me to lead our family. We were working illegally and our work was successful. We succeeded in sending missionaries to other countries and to eighteen cities in Czechoslovakia.

After receiving many reports, the secret police started to observe us, so from 1971 we had to work very carefully. Printed materials had to be destroyed immediately.

I would visit missionaries in the cities and on December 25, 1972, after a long journey I had a bad car accident. My backbone was broken and my spinal cord damaged. Since then, I have been immobile, so the closest members of the family decided that Marie Živná would be my helper. Her spiritual father, Michal Glonda, called her God's child.

Marie was living with me in a hidden apartment on Mojmirova Street in Bratislava, where only a close circle of members would visit us. She helped me with physiotherapy, prepared food and took care of hygiene. She also maintained contacts with others. But the apartment owners—probably because of a request by the police—asked us to leave the flat. We decided to live with other sisters on Agatova Street. We were continuing our work until September 1973 when we were arrested, interrogated and imprisoned.

While in pre-trial custody we were interrogated separately, and interrogations could last many hours. In order to meet Marie, I asked for a confrontation<sup>1</sup> with her. Marie knew very well that it was just a pretext. Marie embraced me and asked me if I was cold and if I had


1 Juraj Lajda explained, "Confrontation" refers to a process of interrogation when two people claim something contradictory. A policeman asks them to meet face to face. Each should say his version to the other while the police gauge their reactions to try to find out who is speaking truthfully. Usually, the police initiate a confrontation. That Betka requested it was quite unusual. The two women's behavior was another shock for the police. Usually each person tries to blame the other in order to appear innocent, but Betka and Marie embraced each other, and did not blame each other as a means of reducing their punishment. The policemen ended the meeting immediately. They could not understand such behavior in a life-or-death situation. They both showed a very high moral standard in a difficult situation. They were above it.



warm clothes. To the great surprise of the investigators, we were laughing out of joy. They quickly ended the confrontation.

I met Marie several times in the prison corridors. We always had to stand facing the wall. During the last meeting she turned her head and smiled at me. She did not mind being scolded by the policeman for that.

When my lawyer told me that Marie had died, it struck me so much that I could not stop crying and my handkerchiefs were never dry. I knew surely from her responses during the interrogations of her that I was acquainted with that they did not contain any doubt about the teaching of the Principle. Her pure, crystal clear and direct answers were proof of her clear mind.

To this day, I cannot think about what happened to her in a peaceful way, because even the passing of years has not taken away my pain. 

# Smiles for Nepal

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By Yoshie Miura

**T**his is the Freport I wish I could give to True Mother on educational support activities for Nepal carried out in Japan and in Nepal. I visited Nepal for the first time in 2014 when I participated in a study tour hosted by the Youth Federation for World Peace. It was a short ten-day visit, but the beautiful Himalayas and the children's bright smiles inspired me. In that study tour, we visited an elementary school and held cultural exchange programs. Moreover, I met my new Nepalese family and received so much love through the Sisterhood Ceremony and homestay, which have become unforgettable memories for me. At the same time, I could not forget the harsh educational environment the children were in due to poverty.

After returning to Japan, I joined the "Smiles for Nepal Project," a volunteer group organized by second-generation members. I worked on activities focused on educational support for Nepalese in Japan and abroad. Since college students conducted our projects, collectively, we were short on experience and everything was a challenge.

On April 25, 2015, within a week of when we were planning to visit Nepal, a magnitude 7.8 (Richter Scale) earthquake struck Kathmandu and we had no choice but to give up our plans. In a state of escalating concern, we raised donations for disaster relief and reconstruction and sent the money to Nepal.

## **The high price of education**

A year later, in March 2016, I went to Nepal during my last spring vacation from college. This became a major turning point in my life.

When I was reporting on our activities in the home of then-national leader Mr. Ek Nath Dhakal, Mrs. Dhakal showed me a video of a girl in a school uniform. The girl, who appeared to be around eight years old was crossing a racing muddy river by swinging on a branch like Tarzan. She explained to me, "She wants to go to school. But she must cross this river to reach her school. Every year, some children fall into the river and die."

This video confronted me with the fact that some children must risk their lives to receive an education, the most fundamental and universal human right. International aid agencies have carried out programs for decades, but nothing has changed. I realized that nothing fundamentally will change as long as humanity remains unable to eliminate the heart to expropriate and to deprive. In other words, we cannot change the world without True Parents' teachings and the blessing.

## **My stint as a missionary**

I decided to join the Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionary program because I wanted to practice True Parents' teachings. In April that year, I headed for Argentina with the fourth class of Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries and went through a training period that has now become one of the most pre-





Nepalese children in the majestic Himalayas, home to six of the seven highest mountains in the world.

rious periods in my life. I testified to that experience and what it meant to me in July 2018.


### **Reinvesting in Nepal**

Returning from Argentina, I got back to the Smiles for Nepal project after an eighteen-month absence. In September 2016, while I was away, the Smiles for Nepal Project invited three Nepalese (a school principal and two students) to Japan for a study tour. This gave students from both countries great opportunities to develop themselves. The students held countless internet conferences until late at night to consider the schedule for the study tour. They also scrambled to gain advice and cooperation from many people and enterprises. No one had recommended they take this on. This bunch of second-generation members simply wanted to do something worthwhile, to be effective, make a difference. Through this project, those young members gained a sense of personal responsibility.

In September 2017, we invited four Nepalese to Japan for the second study tour. The third study tour took place in August last year when three Nepalese came to Japan. We have never had an overabundance of volunteers or financial resources but support always arrived at the right time. Two Nepalese students attended a second-generation workshop after returning to Nepal. Another student's parents received the blessing under the care of Nepalese members.

I have always wanted to report to True Mother about our project. I wanted to tell her how grateful I was for her allowing me to work for Nepal, for guiding me every second, and for making me learn a great deal through challenges.

While the Nepal Summit took place in the main hall, we held the Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) symposium in another hall. There, I gave a presentation on the "Smiles for Nepal Project" as a Model SINERGY. [Students x Ideas x Energy A presentation focused on introducing innovative ideas and creating synergy between fields (music x peace, fashion x environmental issues, etc.) and among people.] I spoke about my first visit to Nepal and gave an introduction about our projects such as the study tour. I called on the Nepalese students to stand up for their country. (Now is the time!) True Mother was not there to listen to my presentation, but I was able to see her at the blessing ceremony in the main hall that afternoon. I was tens of meters away from True Mother in the large hall, but I was happy just to be sharing the same space with her. Furthermore, I never imagined I would see her in Nepal. Seeing her there touched me beyond words.

I never thought this would happen when I first came to Nepal five years ago. I am sincerely grateful to True Mother for letting a young second-generation member like me participate in the providence to the best of her meager ability. I will keep up my efforts so I can one day report our activities in front of True Mother! 

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# A Worthwhile Investment

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Step by step, the heavenly tribal messiah activities in Nepal are bearing fruit. I served in Nepal as a Cheon Il Guk youth missionary for a year from December 2013. It was a privilege and pleasure to welcome True Mother to the land I served in. I learned about the Nepal Summit in early October last year. When I received a request to participate, I could not give an immediate response. To be honest, I was against the idea.

I went through both joys and sorrows during my mission in Nepal, but what I remember most clearly was the experience of getting stuck in an inner struggle over a colleague. Even after I straightened myself out, I could not devote myself entirely to missionary activities. I had this sense of failure over returning to Japan without overcoming that struggle. This made me associate my guilt with Nepal. "I cannot attend the summit just because I was a missionary. I'm not worthy." Thoughts of this type kept spinning in my mind.





UNICEF praises Nepal and credits the 2015 constitution, which UPF under Eknath Dhakal gave great support to, for creating three levels of government, which "presents opportunities for public actions to improve the situation of children in response to local situations."

I could not make up my mind until the last moment. But one day, I had the chance to tell the Youth Department leader that I was being asked to participate in the Nepal Summit. With shining eyes, the leader responded immediately, "You must go! I'd go if I were you!" This made me give it further thought. I thought to myself, "This is not the time to judge things through my personal feelings. My ancestors and descendants will grieve if I miss out on the chance to meet True Parents in person. I must attend this summit and connect its heavenly blessing and fortune to Japan." After I made up my mind, the spirit world helped me in preparing my travel expenses and other things. In the end, I was able to set off for Nepal.

#### **Out mission's contribution**

I arrived at the Hyatt Regency-Kathmandu on December 1. Not only members from Nepal but also leaders, students and other young people from abroad were there. I was able to see again the missionaries and the Nepalese members I had met in Nepal during my mission, and we caught up on one another's lives. I could feel that everyone offered sincere devotion for the summit.

The members who had seemed young and immature back then had grown up to be so trustworthy. I thought to myself, "I served in Nepal with these members. Even if I may not have done a perfect job, the fact that I worked with them remains." In that moment, I realized that God understood my pain. He was trying to liberate me from that pain and push me forward by calling me to Nepal again.

When I was in Nepal as a missionary, the target for witnessing and blessing were general citizens. The target for this summit, however, was city mayors. When I thought about how much sincere devotion many people had invested for Nepal to develop to this level, I felt for certain that the spirit world was working rapidly. That was when I heard True Mother say in her speech, "The people of Nepal have at last become the people whom God could embrace." Being reminded of God's painful heart and that endless love that comes to us from God, who has been longing to embrace humanity for six thousand years, I was thrilled throughout my soul.

Throughout the summit, I was amazed by the peoples' cohesiveness. That everyone has invested sincere devotion with the heart of *hyo jeong* to make True Mother happy centering on Rev. Chang Shik Yang was obvious. Moreover, an 835-couple blessing of mayors or vice-mayors and their spouses did not suddenly happen but was a result of the heavenly tribal messiah activities that members have been carrying out constantly since long ago, even before the Cheon Il Guk Missionaries started serving in Nepal. I pray that Nepal will continue to develop as a heavenly nation. ☯

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