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Lee Ki Seong, Director of HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center and
Director of Cheon Shim Won




Dear blessed families,
In the era when the Heavenly Parent directly governs the earth, as marked by the victorious dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum, True Mother has achieved oneness in mind and body with the True Father in heaven, leading the providence on earth. On June 1, 2020, True Mother gave a direction for leaders to engage in all-night vigil prayers at Cheonshim Won, continuously investing devotion to establish a spiritual foundation in the heavenly world for the providence on earth. Following this, the vision of 2020 was victoriously offered to heaven through the Festival of CheonBo Great Works. True Mother also

renamed Jeongshimwon to Cheonshim Won, bestowing upon it a greater mission as The International Headquarters of Jeongseong. In the grace of the Cheon Il Guk era, where we converse with the Heavenly Parent, daily prayers are being offered in unison around the world, including in Heavenly Korea, Heavenly Japan, and Heavenly USA, to achieve oneness in heart with the Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

After 3 years and 5 months, the Cheonshim Won Night Vigil Prayer has surpassed 900 sessions. Daily testimonies of victory are shared, expressing how “consistent devotion makes us feel the heart of True Parents and the work of the Substantial Holy Spirit, and that with True Parents, nothing is impossible.” Additionally, the 2nd and 3rd generations are being reborn as children of the Heavenly Parent through the CheonBo training and devotion at Cheongshim Won, experiencing the spirit world and realizing the stature of True Parents who are working for salvation in both spirit and flesh. On November 11, 2023, on the last day of the Hyeojeong Special Workshop for leaders of Heavenly Korea, True Mother emphasized the importance of devotion, stating, “The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and Cheonshim Won must become one and earnestly pray at Cheonshim Won so that True Father can move in the spirit world.”

True Mother is investing her whole heart in the establishment of a Heavenly Unified Korea and a Heavenly Unified World. She is expanding the Family Federation For World Peace and Unification and UPF, and urging us to “move forward in spirit and truth.” Special itinerants appointed by True Mother are spreading the grace and fervor of the Substantial Holy Spirit of Cheonshim Won across churches, enhancing the spiritual revival of Heavenly Korea. The HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center and Cheonshim Won, akin to True Mother’s womb, are continuously offering prayers and devotion to fulfill True Parents’ will, extending beyond Heavenly Korea to the entire world, so that all humanity can be reborn as children of the Heavenly Parent.

As we welcome the new year of 2024, the “2024 Special Cheonshim Won Night Vigil Prayer for the Whole World” was offered, uniting the world and heaven, with over 50,000 locations participating both online and offline. Activities accomplished through the devotion of Jeongseong at Cheonshim Won by the Family Federation For World Peace and Unification and UPF were offered. The fervent joint prayers of all signified our resolution to dedicate victory to the will of heaven. We are now sharing daily the numerous miracles occurring worldwide centered on Cheonshim Won, witnessing the work of the Substantial Holy Spirit and its stature through the CheonBo providence. As we enter the golden era of providence, where the proactive heavenly world and the responsive earthly world unite to open a new history, we wish for you to fulfill your responsibilities beyond the Heavenly Tribal Messiah, uphold the principles of Hyeojeong and loyalty, and inherit all heavenly fortune and blessings that the Heavenly Parent wishes to bestow upon you. 

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The Foundations of Cheon Il Guk are Sovereignty, People and Land

Cheon Seong Gyeong, Book 12, Chapter 2, Section 2

Once people come to know that God definitely exists, they will naturally follow His Will. God's Will is to make all humanity, His beloved people—to make the planet Earth, His beloved land, and by bringing these together, to make a sovereign nation. This will be the ideal world.

To establish a nation, there needs to be land, people and sovereignty. What establishes the sovereignty? It is a relationship with God, the Origin. For instance, those who govern the nation are required to conduct the affairs of state by connecting to God, even after most people have fallen fast asleep. In this manner, the leaders will be one with their people. Thus united, they will know that everything set before them is not for their own use, but

for the sake of the nation. With this in place, the nation will prosper.

The reason we shed blood and tears for our country and our people is ultimately to build the eternal heavenly kingdom, a blessed nation that our descendants will applaud for all eternity. This will surely be a country where children of direct lineage rule with an authority that represents God. It has the authority of God's kingship, which is neither communism nor democracy. Once we form this country, it will endure forever with this national structure. As I come to think of this, I lament that I myself could not become a citizen of that nation. You too should lament that you were not able to live in such a country. We all should be lamenting that we were



not able to have such a nation. We should repent for not having established this one unchanging sovereignty.


God sent His beloved sons and daughters to this earth in His endeavor to establish one true nation. But to this day we have not prepared the foundation upon which to restore this nation of oneness. After each attempt to achieve it ended without success, God continued to send His people to earth to initiate, conduct, and conclude His work successfully. God has worked through history for this purpose.

People whose nation has lost its sovereignty are in a pitiful plight. This was what Jesus meant when he preached: "Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (Matt. 6:31-33) What did he say you should seek first: your children or His kingdom? He told you to seek the nation that God is seeking.

Why have the saints faced difficulties? It is because they pioneered faith without support from their family, society or nation. They were a people without a nation. If they had had a nation's support, they could have survived even if their tribe opposed them. Yet this rarely happened, and hence those whom God called usually were persecuted wherever they went and many walked the path of a sacrificial offering, shedding blood. Again, this is because they did not have their own nation. If they

had had a sovereign and a nation to support them, there would have been no need for them to go the sacrificial way. They were a people without a nation. To this day, the truth did not have a people or nation, and even those who followed it did not know the nature of the nation that God was hoping to see.

How many heaven-bound sons and daughters have you gathered? You should not do anything else other than that. You may live affluently with billions of dollars' worth of gold, but that will pass away. Invest your material resources, your knowledge and even your life from the fallen lineage for this work. Do not invest them a little at a time, but rather all at once, out of a heart to create citizens for God's kingdom. Accumulate such investments; their value appreciates exponentially.

The Unification Church is marching toward the ideal of the kingdom of heaven within the family. The nation, world, heaven, and God are nestled in that family. You have been engrafted to the True Parents' lineage, so do not act like wild olive trees. Take the seed of the true olive tree and bear its fruit wherever you take root in the world. Transcending nations and peoples, the fruits are the same. Bear them and bring them forth as the holy people of the kingdom of heaven, manifesting God's ideal of creation. Unification Church blessed families are responsible to increase the population of the kingdom of heaven, which is a free and liberated realm with no history of indemnity. Never forget that this is your mission. 



**Let us become true owners of
Cheon Il Guk who practice true love
in resemblance to our Creator,
the Heavenly Parent!**

True Mother's New Year Midnight Message

True Mother's message January 1, 2024, based on the recording of her message on January 1, 2014.





“Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!”

We should not forget about our Heavenly Parent in our daily life. We should be able to preserve this earthly realm, which was created by God, the Creator, during our lives on earth. Our mission is to witness to and educate people. Fallen people must go through restoration. What we have to do is to witness.

Next, we must expand our influence over our surroundings and be able to preserve the beautiful creation that our Heavenly Parent made investing all his power. Please think of the great damage inflicted on the entire world today as a result of human ignorance. We are suffering a lot of damage due to yellow dust and fine dust blowing in from the vast territory of China. It's not just our country of Korea. This dust moves across the Pacific Ocean on the winds all the way to Hawaii, even. This is a problem that needs to be considered. It is not something that will stop just because we suffer less damage today.

People must be awakened from their ignorance and must preserve the environment well. We must

save the dying land and oceans. It is we who must do it. We should feel true ownership just as God does and become one in all respects, cooperating with one another to fulfill this work. We must do this with everything. People without a sense of responsibility for everything will drift away.

To be the true owners, we must not forget the restoration of this country and the world, even for a day, an hour, or a minute. We must reflect on it repeatedly, borrow Heaven's wisdom, mobilize all the methods and skills we can muster as humans and resolve the problem. If we fail to resolve this problem, we also have no future. You need to be aware of this.

We are a unified family. We are one family. When it comes to this goal, we must achieve it with one heart and one will, no matter where we are.

Let us become true devoted sons and daughters who can achieve higher results with every passing month and year based on which our Creator, the Heavenly Parent, can delight in and trust us. We must not be people who keep changing back and forth. You need to act responsibly in everything with a sense of ownership. This is my message, given with blessing, as this New Year begins. ㄸ

Visit to the Death Valley Holy Ground

On January 13th, True Mother visited Death Valley in southeastern California, USA,
and conducted a special ceremony.



In 1962, after selecting five holy grounds in Ilwon, Seoul, True Parents performed a ceremony. They combined soil and stones from these sites and distributed them globally, sharing the foundation of devotion and victory equally. This aimed to establish a worldwide activity base by deploying missionaries. These missionaries, embodying the standard of Adam's victory before the human fall, were sent as heavenly children to various countries. Among these, Death Valley was the fourth of 55 American holy grounds chosen by True Parents on February 25, 1965.

Let's become the Salt of the Earth

True Mother's Prayer
January 13, 2024 / Death Valley, Nevada, USA



Beloved Heavenly Parent! Today, in Nevada's Death Valley, the lowest place in this continent, we feel the touch of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent. You knew that for life to circulate and reproduce according to the principles of creation, salt is absolutely necessary, and You generously provided it to both humans and the animal world. What a tremendous and grateful thing this is.

However, humanity has lost the essence of the Creator and also lost its own essence. Amidst this, You have endured so much while waiting and carrying out the providence to save fallen humanity.

After a long wait, in 1960, You sent the True Parents. Through them, many true families have been established who can come closer to Heaven, but when we think of the 8 billion people in the world who still do not know You, the Heavenly Parent, we realize how minuscule that number is.

Heavenly Parent! In this Year of the Blue Dragon, the 12th year of Cheon Il Guk, Your children are ready to expand the Heavenly Providence. Their efforts will enable leaders from over 200 countries to lead lives akin to 'salt,' becoming role models for humanity and drawing closer to You, our Creator and Heavenly Parent. With more blessed families in Cheon Il Guk and the Cheon Bo families, people capable of fulfilling these 'salt-like' responsibilities will emerge in every corner of the world. Through these righteous people, nations that serve the Heavenly Parent will be established, and if this time can be advanced to be realized in 2024, We desire to embrace the day that leads us towards the [Cheon Won Gung] entrance ceremony in 2025, where all of Heaven will prepare to receive glory. This ceremony will be a feast of praise before You, Heavenly Parent, honoring Your long-awaited patience.

Heavenly Parent! Today, in this Death Valley, we, your children, "the salt of the earth," desire to expand Your realm through the efforts of those who respect Heaven. May such righteous "salt-like" people, arise abundantly in this continent, this country, and all over the world. Bless our efforts, Heavenly Parent.

May this place foster the rebirth of humanity worldwide and may this nation produce many righteous "salt-like" people, remembered by Heaven. We earnestly pray this in the name of True Parents. Aju!

The 2024 Cheon Shim Won Special Overnight Devotion Prayer Meeting

The ‘2024 Cheon Shim Won Special Overnight Devotion Prayer Meeting’ took place both online and offline at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace Grand Hall of the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center on December 31, attracting over 1.5 million participants globally, including 5,000 present at the venue.

Part 1

The event happened in two parts. To start, Moon Yeon-ah, Chief of Staff of the 1st Secretariat, noted, “True Mother closely follows our members’ hopes, desires and progress, especially through the devotion give at the Cheon Shim Won.” She added, “True Mother deeply values each small act of devotion (jeongseong), empathizing with both their joys and sorrows.” She also encouraged everyone, saying: “In 2024, let’s unite under True Mother’s guidance with a singular heart and purpose to achieve success.”





Jeong Won-ju, Chief of Staff of the 2nd Secretariat, underscored, “This overnight prayer meeting symbolizes an optimistic beginning to the new year, setting fresh directions and goals. It’s a new cultural movement, propelling the global Unification family towards a brighter future alongside True Parents.” She confidently stated, “With True Mother’s unwavering passion and progress, our efforts for the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum will undoubtedly be victorious. As True Father guides us from heaven and True Mother from earth, let’s aspire to be true children who fulfill the dreams of our Heavenly Parent in 2024.”

Subsequently, Song Gwang-seok, President of FFWPU-Korea, reported, “In November, the Namyangju Church welcomed 500 worshippers, and the Guri Church 1,500, culminating in a remarkable 6,000-strong prayer gathering for national restoration in Changwon.” He revealed, “In 2023, our churches not only averaged a 20% growth but also saw significant expansion in over 140 medium-sized churches.” Song declared, “In 2024, FFWPU-Korea will completely align with Cheon Shim Won to foster a Heavenly Unified Korea.”

Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF International, shared his aspirations for the new year, “In 2024, the year of the Blue Dragon, I earnestly hope for a soaring start, akin to the rise of a blue dragon.” He outlined UPF’s strategy, “Building upon the global foundation laid by True Parents, UPF is moving forward to achieve Korean unification in partnership with the Family Federation. We aim to unite all providential organizations to realize True Parents’ vision.”


After watching messages from continental leaders, Song Yong-cheon, President of FFWPU-International, shared the 2023 global activity report, saying, “Following the victorious dedication of Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum, True Mother has called for a fresh start in a new era. Cheon Shim Won and the Family Federation are dedicated to reinventing our environment, fostering future talents, providing heartfelt education, and expanding our outreach and missionary efforts.” He emphasized, “In 2023, our

unity with True Mother has instilled in us the confidence that nothing is impossible. Let's maintain this unity in 2024 and strive to present our accomplishments to True Mother."

Lee Ki Seong, Director of Cheon Shim Won, conveyed True Mother's message, "The second and third generations, united with Mother's heart, must establish a strong foundation in faith and earnestly serve True Parents." He continued, "Despite feeling isolated like in a barren desert, True Mother has displayed extraordinary devotion, educating us about the role of the Only Begotten Daughter and providing us with the Cheon Shim Won providence to directly align with Heaven." Lee emphasized, "Our mission as Blessed Families, through the devotion and activities of Cheon Shim Won, is to alleviate the sorrow of True Parents and Heavenly Parent."

Part 2

On January 1, 2024, at midnight, the bell heralding the new year rang, marking the continuation of the special prayer meeting. The second part included True Parents' New Year blessing, a speech, Gyeongbae, Songs by the Cheon Shim Praise Team, a prayer in unison, a gratitude report letter by Lee Ki Seong, a resolution prayer by President Song Yong-cheon, and three cheers of Eog Mansei led by Hwang Sun-jo, Chairman of the North-South Unification Civilian Alliance.

The HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center's 936th Cheonshimwon prayer meeting concluded on a high note. In the unity of Heaven and Earth, with True Mother, Only Begotten Daughter in physical form, we pledge to further elevate the altar of devotion(jeongseong), enabling True Father in Heaven to work freely. With this resolution and determination, we concluded the entire schedule with a triumphant three cheers of 'Eog Mansei'. 



Hyojeong Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center 2023 Top 10 News

A year filled with special Cheonshim Won night vigil jeongseong and online workshops, surpassing our goal of one million trainees for the year! Let Heavenly Parent rule freely! May True Father work to his fullest! We will unite with True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter, the Substantial Holy Spirit, and move forward toward victory in Vision 2025! We will do our very best to make 2024 the year when we realize the dream of one human family under our Heavenly Parent!

01 Special Great Works Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Holy Birth of Hak-ja Han, True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind



To mark the 80th anniversary of True Mother's Holy Birth, for which the entire universe rejoices, True Mother dedicated the Cheonwon Gung Cheonil Sanctum to Heaven, marking the completion of the providence, and ushering in a new era of glory and victory for the entire world. The Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works in Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Holy Birth of Hak-ja Han, True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, held to commemorate this amazing historic moment, celebrated the birth of True Mother, the only begotten daughter and Substantial Holy Spirit, spreading True Mother's love and the amazing spiritual grace of Great Works throughout the world. A time of great celebration.

Along with the dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum, the HJ Marina and Begonia Bird Garden, which were dedicated.

02 The path of a heavenly unified Korea toward spirit and truth:

- Hyojeong Special Workshops for leaders of Heavenly Korea hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, June 8-11, November 10-11



After the dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum, a special training session conducted for all the ministerial staff of Heavenly Korea, a meaningful time for uniting with spirit and truth through Cheonshim Won lectures, strategy reports from each organization, and witnessing mobilization worship services, focusing on Cheonbo works and the grace of Cheonshim Won.

03 Departure of Cheonshim Won Special Touring Team:

- Cheonshim Won Special Touring Team Workshops 6.13-18
- Appointment of Special Touring Team and National Tour: Jeonju Grand Church 7.5

True Parents emphasized that in order to advance with the spirit and truth, the spirit world and the physical world must advance together in full force centered on Cheonshim Won jeongseong, and that they would pass on the grace of Cheonshim Won to all of Heavenly Korea through special Cheonshim Won tours. Special tour teams began touring churches across the country in July and are continuing to spread the grace of Cheonshim Won to all the churches in Heavenly Korea. A realm of heart experience that resonates with the love of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind is opening wide, and the spiritual and physical worlds are moving forward as one, toward a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.



04 Cheonshim Won Special night vigil altar of victory:

- 800th Cheonshim Won Special night vigil jeongseong 7.1
- 900th Cheonshim Won Special night vigil jeongseong 11.10

The Cheonshim Won special night vigil jeongseong has been held more than 900 times with a total of more than 500,000 people participating. Branch centers and churches around the world participated online, and more than 30,000 people joined together every week to dedicate the altar of jeongseong, raising the spiritual temperature around the world through the works of the Substantial Holy Spirit that brighten the dark night like a bright flame of hope. It was a time when the powerful determination of the ministers made us realize that True Mother's words, "the Family Federation and UPF must move forward as one with Cheonshim Won and move toward spirit and truth," are being realized.

The heartfelt praise songs of the 2nd and 3rd generation young people on the altar of devotion offered together from all over the world naturally brought tears of emotion to our eyes.

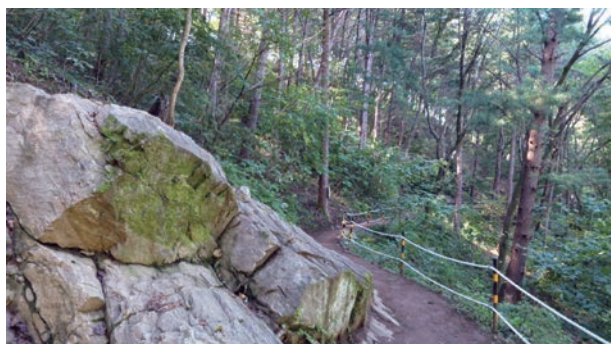
Prayers cried out to heaven filled the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, adding to our determination to become one with True Mother and accomplish the providential will for a heavenly unified Korea.



05 A mother's arms filled with love and sincerity! Creating the Hanwon Trail:

Following True Mother's words, "There are many precious things in Hyojeong Cheonwon, so look for them," President Ki-seong Lee offered jeongseong looking everywhere around the holy ground, and created the Hanwon Trail, following the footsteps of True Parents in the early days of the Cheongpyeong holy ground. There are several places along Hanwon trail that symbolize important things in the Providence of Restoration. Heaven's Rock, Hyojeong Rock, and the Dallai River Bridge, which remind us of Heavenly Parent, are places where we can experience the heart of True Parents who have devoted themselves to leading the providence of restoration, and now more and more members are visiting the path.

On a spring day when the azaleas were in full bloom, True Mother came to the Hanwon trekking path and sat down on a bench in front of Cheonshim Lake to spend time with family members.



06 Heavenly America, an interreligious era that opens by becoming one with Cheonshim Won:

- 41st IAPD Interreligious Prayer Meeting for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea 4.6
- Heavenly America ACLC Pastors Cheonshim Won Prayer Meeting 5.5
- Heavenly America ACLC Rally and Future Generation Youth Leaders Rally Hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind 9.29-10.8
- Special Victory Homecoming of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Joint worship service 10.15

An interreligious prayer meeting held centering on Cheonshim Won, the World Headquarters of Jeongseong was a meaningful time in which all religious denominations, transcending borders, became one under Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and took a step forward toward settling in the heavenly unified world. As a result, the central providential nations Heavenly Korea, Heavenly Japan, and Heavenly America became one and devoted themselves to offering jeongseong, and the pastors of the heavenly America Clergy Leadership Conference experienced the grace and resonant prayer of Heavenly Parent's providence and special jeongseong, and prayed with the nation together with Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. We had a meaningful time transcending religions and connecting with the heart of heaven. In Heavenly America, Christian pastors testified to True Mother, the only begotten daughter, and youth leaders resolved to achieve victory. To commemorate True Parents' victory in the Heavenly America Providence, a special joint worship service was held with all members of Heavenly Korea gathered together.



07 A place for heavenly spiritual training for members from around the world:

- 2023 Asia Top Gun Youth Workshop 4.24-5.7
- Heavenly Japan Leaders Hyojeong Special Training Session 6.22-29
- Heavenly Taiwan 21-day Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Workshop 7.23-8.12
- Heavenly Europe Branch Youth 21-day Hyojeong Special Workshop 8.13-9.4
- Japan TOP GUN College 2023 (Heavenly Japan Youth College Student Workshop) 9.12-20
- 1 night and 2 days Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Workshop, Mind-Body Unification Spiritual Training 11.22-24
- 40-day spiritual retreat special meeting 11.9, 259th Restart of Heavenly Japan 40-day workshop 10.5-11.13

Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Workshops to inherit the heart of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!

The 40-day training sessions, as well as the 21-day training sessions for students from Sunmoon University Language Institute, the 21-day training session for youth from Heavenly Taiwan, and the 21-day training session for youth members from heavenly European and Middle Eastern region were a place for spiritual education for future talent from all over the world, and the students who attended connected to the Heart of Heaven attending Cheonshim Won's special night vigil jeongseong. We are leading the revolution of heart, experiencing the truth and spirit.

The newly founded Cheonshim Cheonbo Spirituality 40-day workshop, which trains pure second- and third-generation leaders before Heaven, allows trainees to directly experience Heavenly Parent at a higher level through training in Cheonbo works and intensive training with the Substantial Holy Spirit, so they can develop the



ability to resonate with Heavenly Parent. This program is being conducted to develop leadership qualities. True Mother invited the trainees from the 5th Spiritual Training 40-day Workshop to Cheon Jeong Gung, listened to the trainees' touching testimonies and praise songs, and passed on to them the realm of Hyojeong heart with her precious words.

True Mother spoke about how she walked the path of sacrifice and investment to fulfill Heavenly Parent's Will, ever since the time of her Cosmic Holy Wedding in 1960, and everyone shed tears as they resonated with the feelings of their True Parents when they heard that she was waiting for children who would understand True Mother's hear.

08 Branch training center providence and Cheonbo Events:

- Heavenly East Africa Branch Director Hwang Seong-min inaugurated August 19-20
- Heavenly West Africa Branch Director Sakuwa Takamitsu inaugurated August 27
- Heavenly Japan, Heavenly America, Heavenly Asia Pacific, Heavenly Europe Middle East, Heavenly South America, Heavenly Africa Branch event



The branch training providence that began in accordance with the words of True Parents is now working in Heavenly Japan, Heavenly America, Heavenly Asia-Pacific, Heavenly Latin America, Heavenly Europe and Middle East, and now Heavenly East and West Africa branches have been spreading the words and heart of True Parents around the world through various CheonBo workshops to inherit the grace of Cheonshin Won and CheonBo works to members all over the world. This year, in order to strengthen the Heavenly Africa providence, True Mother divided Africa into East and West and appointed Seong-min Hwang head of the Heavenly East Africa branch, and Sakuwa Takamitsu, head of the Heavenly West Africa branch.


09 2023 Autumn Hyojeong CheonBo Special Great Works and Fall Foliage Festival:

The 2023 Autumn Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works was held with great grace with the participation of over 70,000 people from 99 countries around the world. Through the ceremony to pass on the Tree of All Things Prayer Candle, which connects the heavenly fortune bestowed by True Parents, the resolution to advance on the path of the will as true children was offered. We are resolved to establish a heavenly unified world and earnest joint prayer for the blessing of all true things, resounding throughout the world. An extra prayer for victory for exam students and graduates looking for jobs was also held, along with Tree of Love Busking performances a Caricature Event, Webtoon Event, and a food market. We are preparing to experience life in heaven on earth by making pilgrimages to Hyojeong Cheonwon, now



including HJ Magnolia Meotjip and the Begonia Bird Garden.

10 Achieved goal of one million trainees

2023 was a big year for excitement and joy, starting with the goal of educating 1 million people! On the altar of jeongseong that spanned four Great Works and the 900th Cheonshim Won special night vigil, the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center and Cheonshim Won are doing their best to keep pace with the providence of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and we are determined to bring great victory through CheonBo chanyang and special Cheonshim Won night vigil prayers. With the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, Hyo-jin nim, Heung-jin nim and Daemo nim, leading our training session, a total of 1.4 million people from 139 countries around the world participated in the training in this year. This is a historic record. True Mother has said that after True Father's Seonghwa, she was stuck in a desert sandstorm looking for a single needle that would be the key, and looking for children who know True Mother's heart! Every night she prays in tears for her beloved sons and daughters, and True Father, is with us every day, working with us. Let us unite with True Mother, the only begotten daughter, the Substantial Holy Spirit, with the grace of Cheonshim Won, which she has bestowed upon humankind as the greatest gift of hope. Even in the midst of suffering, let us visit Cheonshim Won, and the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center and Cheonshim Won will take the lead, driving the providence forward toward the victory for a heavenly unified world. 



Activities Report from Around the World

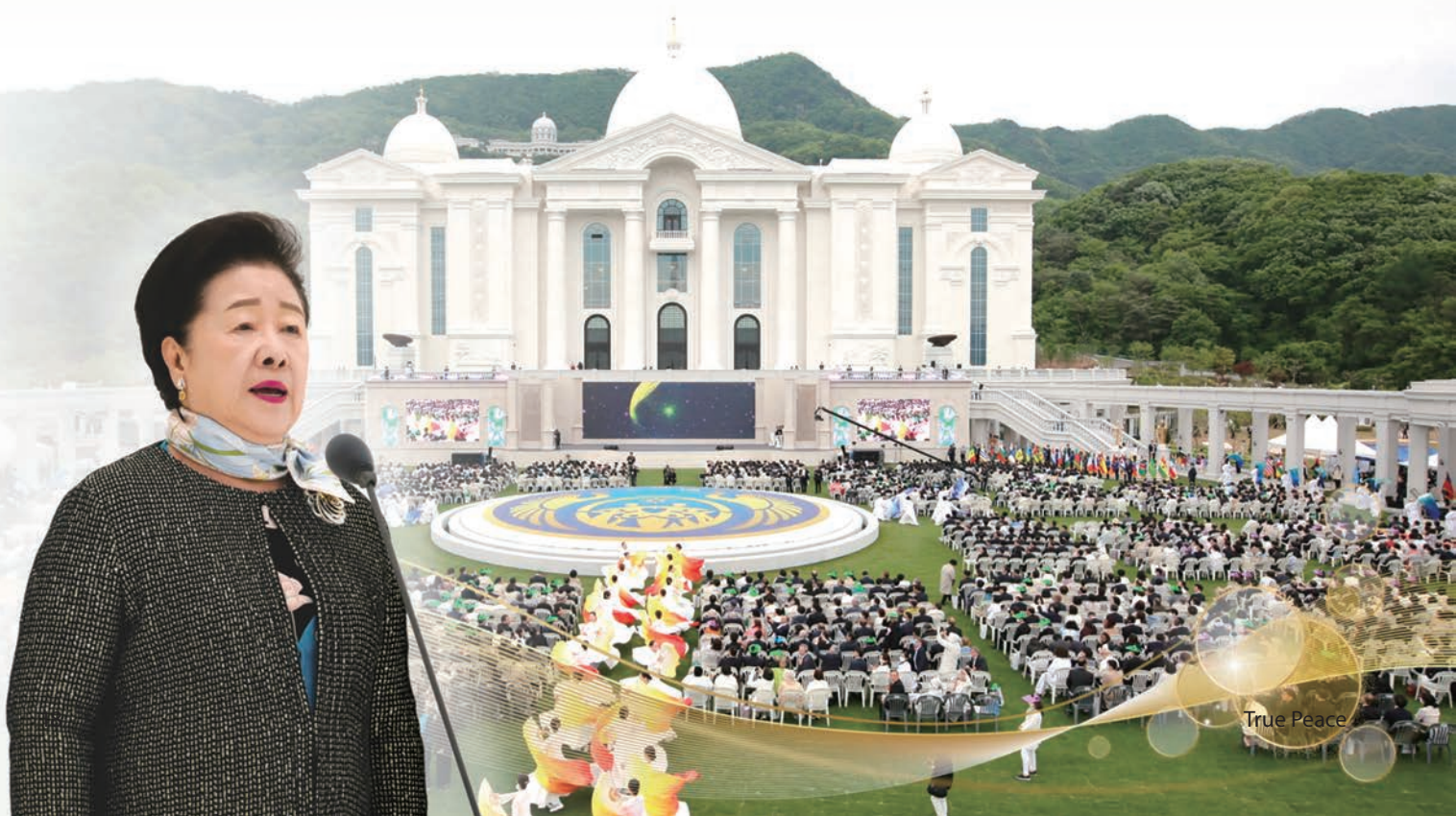
Song Yong-cheon, President of FFWPU- International

*Dear members and blessed families worldwide,
The year 2023 marked a significant milestone in Heaven's providence. I would like to share
with you some of the activities undertaken worldwide by members who were in complete
unity with the True Mother.*

1. Offering Ceremony of Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum

The successful offering ceremony of Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum laid a providential foundation for establishing a heavenly unified world by the True Mother. This has led us to a major transition into a new providential era where the Heavenly Parent establishes on Earth. This victory is the greatest of all in 2023.

Based on this triumphant ceremony, we must now follow the words of the True Parents and strive to lay the foundations for inter-Korean reunification and the realization of a heavenly unified Korea by restoring Christianity, in order to successfully hold the entry ceremony to Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum in 2025.





2. Cheonshimwon Providence

Following the Cheon Won Gung and Cheon Il Sanctum offering ceremony, the True Mother restructured organizations to align with this era of great transitions, marking a new beginning. She declared that the World Families Federation must now move forward driven by Spirit and Truth. The True Mother established a dual system with Cheonshimwon and the Families Federation, then implemented continental branches of Cheonshimwon and special prayer rooms in churches worldwide.

Following the True Mother's words to expand the spiritual environment where the Heavenly Parent directly exerts authority, members worldwide are devotedly working on the ground and actively participating in the special prayer vigils of Cheonshimwon, which have already been held nearly a thousand times.

3. Training Future Generations

After the Cheon Won Gung and Cheon Il Sanctum offering ceremony, the True Mother focused her greatest interest on training future leaders. Recently, she stated that the second generation must take the initiative in restoring nations and the world. She added that the second generation is the future and the flower of our blessed families, hoping for them to flourish in the world. Thus, in early 2024, after their graduation ceremony, about sixty cadets from Sun Moon UPA, including Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung from the True Family, are expected to be sent worldwide for missionary work. The True Mother named them "Heavenly Top Guns" and asked for this overseas mission to become "the model course for the 2nd generations", thereby setting the providential direction for preparing future leaders.



4. Cheonil Scriptures

The True Mother has asked us to research teachings suitable for the era of Cheon Il Guk and to develop an educational program to establish the tradition of Cheon Il Guk. She added that we must promote education about the essence of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents, as well as the value and identity of blessed families. In line with this directive, the international headquarters formed the “True Parents Theology Research Committee”, bringing together theology professors from Sun Moon University and Sunhak UP Graduate School, and we have concentrated our efforts on in-depth research into the theology of the True Parents. During public hearings with leaders from Korea and around the world, the training received on the providential perspective of the Cheon Il Guk era has gathered interesting opinions that have furthered our research.

Very recently, the True Mother declared that the work should be titled “The Value of True Parents from the Viewpoint of Heaven’s Providence”, urging us to accelerate the research. On December 15, 2023, the True Mother provided guidance on the ultimate goal of the True Parents’ theology research, namely the compilation of the “Cheonil” Scriptures, for which we are also conducting additional research.

5. Major Providential Nations

The True Mother spares no effort to realize the original ideal of the Heavenly Parent, the hope of the True Parents, the dream of humanity, and to definitively establish Cheon Il Guk. She leads the providence aiming to bring true change to the world. The True Mother told her children, the blessed families, to fully commit themselves to testimony inspired by Spirit and Truth and to work for the liberation of the Heavenly Parent and the salvation of humanity.

In response, Korea, aware of the True Mother’s heart and situation, has fully awakened, and members have devoted themselves day and night for 6 months to fulfill their responsibilities, thus acting with absolute faith, love, and obedience to God’s Will. Blessed families and the youth of the second generation worldwide have also decided to unite with the True Mother to ensure a bright future for all.

Furthermore, the True Mother visited Las Vegas, USA, where she presided over a special gathering with ACLC, during which she spoke on “the essence of Christianity” and “The Value of True Parents” to the Christian clergy present. As a result, all the clergy present signed the flag of the Families Federation, raising it high, and expressed their commitment to establishing Cheonshimwon prayer rooms in their respective churches.





6. World Tour


Last May (2023), the True Mother reorganized the international headquarters and charged me with conducting a world tour. Thus, I went directly to Europe, then to South America, Central America, Asia-Pacific, and finally to Africa to convey the True Mother's message and closely inquire about the current situation on each continent. Following this world tour, I hold regular meetings with the continental headquarters, and I have already had online interviews with 146 national leaders. In line with the True Mother's words, the international headquarters scrutinizes each situation in detail, unlike before, and supports transparent management, faith development, and Church growth.

As a result, the Europe & Middle East region (changing national leaders in Sweden, Italy, the Netherlands, and Hungary) has been recently revitalized through a generational change that brought young leadership. In Brazil, on the South American continent, incredible results have been achieved, such as strengthening the testimony system and holding Cheonshimwon prayer meetings, with participants from the testimony activities.

In Asia-Pacific, members inspired by the True Mother's words for intensive testimony have successfully enrolled 160 new members and re-engaged 120 inactive members in Church activities. That's not all. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the African headquarters, more than 3,000 members are laying the foundations of true devotion. In Sao Tome and Principe, the first national restoration model, the number of Sunday service participants doubled after three months of intensive testimony activities. Additionally, a vocational training center for youth was opened with government support. In Mozambique, a program teaching the Divine Principle through phone calls enrolled 80 new members in just three months. After hearing these reports in detail, the True Mother granted a special grace by asking for a temple to be built in the Democratic Republic of Congo and designated two directors of the Cheonshimwon Africa branches to strengthen the providence on the continent.

Dear blessed families worldwide,

The achievements and victories of each continent last year (2023) are gifts from the devotion and love of the True Mother. They are also the fruit of the efforts and hard work of members worldwide. In this sense, I would like to commend the incredible work you have done throughout 2023.

In 2024, let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in the image of our Creator, the Heavenly Parent, as urged by the True Mother. I sincerely hope that we will continuously present excellent results this year, bringing hope to the Heavenly Parent and True Parents. 



Let's enter 2024 with conviction, embracing a year full of hope

**Special Briefing by Song Yong-cheon,
President of FFWPU- International**

Respected and beloved blessed families and members throughout the world! My warmest greetings to you!

In 2024, we enter the auspicious year of the Blue Dragon. In her New Year's message, Mother mentioned that the "The 12th year of Cheon Il Guk is the year of the Blue Dragon, which blows away all bitter energies, so let's triumphantly fulfill the Entrance Ceremony to Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum in the following 13th year, the number of perfection."

And Mother emphasized, "This year is very important. The priority of the providence should be unity. Let's advance into a hopeful year with everything perfectly organized and orderly."

I sincerely hope that all Cheon Il Guk leaders worldwide will embrace the spirit of the Blue Dragon, challenge new dreams and goals, and become one with True Mother, accomplishing all our intended goals in 2024.

Respected and beloved blessed families and members throughout the world!

You all worked very hard in 2023. Toward the end of last year, over a period of 20 days, from December 10th to the 29th, I conducted 40-minute video meetings with individual national presidents from around the world. During this period, I held meetings with more than 140 national presidents, sometimes from 7 am to midnight each day, with breaks just for meals. In these conferences, we first reviewed six-month activity reports and updates on each country's situation, followed by Question & Answer sessions. I conveyed messages that True Mother wanted to give the national presidents and blessed families and we spent time in conversation.





Admittedly, the first and second days were physically and mentally challenging. However, as I received the six-month activity reports, I began to gain strength from your dedication and faith. Conversing with national presidents whom I had never spoken with before brought a sense of connection and a deeper understanding of each unique situation. And sometimes the sharing of stories about the blessed families living in those countries gave me such a good opportunity to feel closer to them. The more I delved into each region, the more I realized its diversity and complexity, extending far beyond the simple term ‘mission field.’

In Muslim and communist countries, where missionary activities are prohibited and leaders are under constant government surveillance, leaders conduct activities secretly in ‘butterfly operations.’ In some countries, internal conflicts, regime collapse, and food shortages have forced all members to leave, leaving only one family behind. Even in such difficult situations, such families held on to True Parents, prayed together in their home, and were active and witnessed whenever they had time—believing that one day their sincere devotion would bear fruit. Hearing about their devoted, tear-filled efforts made me reconsider the true essence of faith.

I also witnessed countries where members adapted the Unification Church’s values and teachings to their specific situations for dissemination and witnessing, with many inspiring stories to tell.

Many churches have experienced revival through spiritual works centered on Cheon Shim Won. Some churches whose spiritual fire had dimmed reignited their faith through prayers in the Cheon Shim Won prayer room in accordance with Mother’s words that we be reborn in the Spirit and the Truth. Miraculous stories emerged—such as the testimony of a girl blinded by an unexplained illness beginning to see again. Establishing Cheon Shim Won prayer rooms in all churches and conducting all-night devotions led to 1,500 new members joining in six months. Another testimony told of 160 dormant members in one country being inspired to come back to the church.





Miracles in witnessing were numerous. There are war-torn countries where blessed couples and members witnessed to new people, sometimes even while they were refugees from their home country. Some countries doubled their Sunday service numbers by resolving to uphold True Mother's love and value. Another country brought in over 80 new members in three months through telephone witnessing.

The rise of young members and second-generation members has also been evident. In Europe, more young second-generation couples are becoming national presidents. Among them, one second-generation national president successfully runs a church where all members tithe, and there are almost no dormant members. European young members who met True Mother in Korea are actively helping their local churches and leading their peers.

Education for the younger generation is expanding significantly in other continents, centered on the regional vice presidents. In Africa, some countries operate their own missionary programs domestically, and graduates from the first graduation of the Hyojeong Rang program, after being dispatched to the field, are igniting the faith of the youth with their remarkable work.

In Central and South America, preparations are underway to educate key young people through a 21-day training program in Korea early this year, and Asia is also restructuring its YLT program to cultivate capable leaders for our church. In the year of the Blue Dragon, 2024, I firmly believe that under True Mother's special love and with the launch of the Heavenly Top Gun program, the youth will grow spiritually a lot and revive the entire world—like dragons soaring into the sky.





Through these 20 days of one-on-one video conferences with the national presidents, I have learned a lot and gained a deeper understanding of the situation of the global mission field. Additionally, I have become closer in heart with the national presidents and the blessed families they were testifying about, and I felt the desire to meet the blessed family members I have never had the chance to see in person.


During these meetings, I discovered that some national presidents had not set foot on Korean soil in more than a decade or not even once in their entire lives. Then, I started to think about how many of the blessed family members have never been able to set foot on Korean soil. Even with deep faith, if one cannot see or experience Korea, it can feel like a distant country—and even the latest providential developments might feel quite remote. So, this was a precious time for the International Headquarters to resolve to work harder and do our best to convey True Mother's heart for the sake of blessed family members.

Respected and beloved blessed families and members throughout the world!

We are brothers and sisters of one family with True Parents as the center. No matter the distance between us, as long as True Parents are there, we can become one in an instant in this one-second era. We live in an era when, if we become one with True Mother, we can create a community of heart in an instant.

In 2024, we must aim for more explosive growth in witnessing. To achieve this, let us become completely one with True Mother, both in heart and in situation, as she is the central axis for the completion of the providence in this era.

When this unity is achieved, the spirit world will work. It means that the True Father in heaven will stir up the spirit world and send its influence down. A massive outpouring of the Holy Spirit will occur, where the absolute good Christian spirits will work with believers, and the absolute good spirits of each religious denomination will come down to their believers and work with them.

I conclude with the hope that you will make such a new beginning. Thank you. 



Segye Times Drone Soccer Championship at CES 2024

The Segye Times Drone Soccer Championship at CES 2024 significantly enhanced the global recognition of drone soccer, attracting the largest crowds to its booth among all exhibits. The world's largest consumer electronics and information technology (IT) exhibition, CES 2024, hosted the Segye Times Drone Soccer Championship at the Venetian Expo in Las Vegas, USA, from January 9 to 12. This event marked its debut on the prestigious CES stage in Las Vegas, known for showcasing current trends and visions in information technology.

Teams from South Korea, the United States, and other nations visiting CES participated in the championship, with a total of six teams competing in friendly matches. For this event, a specialized drone soccer stadium measuring 17 meters in length, 8 meters in width, and 5 meters in height was set up for the first time inside the main exhibition hall of CES. The USA's Consumer Technology Association (CTA), the organizer of CES, approved the installation of this stadium and the conduct of the tournament, recognizing the technical prowess, innovation, and educational impact of drone soccer as a fusion of IT coding and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.



The Segye Times Drone Soccer Championship in Las Vegas
(Photo credit: Federation of International Drone Soccer Association (FIDA))




Opening Ceremony of the Drone Soccer Championship (Photo credit: The Segye Times Newspaper)

The opening ceremony's kick-off was conducted by the founder of Segye Times, True Mother, along with Segye Times President Jung Hee-taek, and Thomas McDevitt, Chairman of the Washington Times. A drone bearing flags with the inscriptions "Coexistence," "Co-prosperity," "Co-righteousness," and Segye Times' three principles "Love Heaven, Love People, Love Country" soared high, officially initiating the tournament.



Segye Times President Jung Hee-taek stated in his speech, "Drones represent the convergence of cutting-edge IT and aviation technology, forming a key component and innovative platform for future mobility, a popular theme at CES." He explained that Segye Times, celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, has been a pioneer in organizing drone soccer and fishing tournaments, continuously showing interest in enhancing the competitiveness of the domestic drone industry. He expressed hope that the Segye Times Drone Soccer Championship at CES would catalyze a new chapter in the Korean drone industry, similar to the global success of Psy's "Gangnam Style" and BTS's "Dynamite."

The opening ceremony saw an attendance of over 200 people, including notable figures like Ham Young-joo, Chairman of Hana Financial Group; Park Seung-hee, President of Samsung Electronics; Lee Hyung-hee, Communications Chairman of the SK Super Council; Oh Se-chun, Executive Director of LG Electronics; and Kwak Young-gil, Chairman of Aju News Corporation. Seoul Mayor Oh Se-hoon and Kim Hyun-woo, CEO of the Seoul Business Agency (SBA), also visited to show their support.

Previously, Jung Hee-taek hosted the first Federation of International Drone Soccer Association (FIDA) World Drone Soccer Tournament in Incheon's Songdo, South Korea, last May. In August, a business partnership agreement was signed with Noh Sang-heup, Chairman of the Korean Drone Soccer Association, for the CES 2024 drone soccer exhibition. 

Memorial Service for the 5th Anniversary of Col. Bo Hi Pak's Seonghwa and the 7th Anniversary of Mrs. Yoon Ki Sook's Seonghwa

On January 12th, a memorial service at Paju Won and Wonjeon marked the 5th anniversary of Col. Bo Hi Pak's Seonghwa and the 7th anniversary of Mrs. Yoon Ki Sook's Seonghwa.

Song Kwang-seok, President of the FFWPU Korea reflected, *"True Parents, upon Col. Bo Hi Pak's departure for missionary work in America, gave him the phrase 'Flying Phoenix Achieves the Realm, Triumphant in All Endeavors.' Let us emulate his example and live victorious lives without fear, frustration, or regret and leave a valuable legacy."*

Yang Chang-sik, Chairman of UPF International, shared (as read by Park Jung-hyun), *"Col. Bo Hi Pak, a revered elder brother and pioneer of the Unification family and a 'loyal and filial subject,' devotedly served the True Parents all his life, exemplifying absolute loyalty and obedience." He noted, "Col. Pak, playing a crucial role behind the scenes, influenced world leaders like Gorbachev, Reagan, Thatcher, and President Kim Il-sung, and was instrumental in ending the Cold War. He was a proud Korean and a patriot, a true treasure for both our church and our nation. Let us move forward to victory, fulfilling the heavenly providence until we plant the unification flag on Mount Baekdu, under Col. Pak's watchful eye from the spirit world with True Father."*


The memorial service, led by Koji Noda of the Universal Cultural Foundation, included an opening prayer by Senior Pastor Kim Seok-jin, a welcome address by President Park No-hee, a floral tribute by Little Angels Alumni representatives, commemorative speeches by Song Kwang-seok and Yang Chang-sik, FFWPU-Korea Vice President Kim Do Yon, and concluding cheers of Oeg Mansei by Cho Man-woong, Chairman of the Elders' Association. 



Celebration of Peace Awards Banquet

On December 30, a special gathering entitled “The Celebration of Peace Awards Banquet-2023” was held at the Hilton Hasbrouck Heights in New Jersey. 88 people attended. The celebration commemorated the “Peace Starts With Me Rally” held at the Prudential Center in December 2019, where thousands of clergy and members of many faith communities gathered together. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, gave a stirring message of peace at this event. The celebration will become an annual end-of-year event, bringing all outreach organizations together to appreciate their accomplishments in the past year, share our vision for World Peace and Unification, honor all our contacts and leaders, and to actively continue our membership drive.

The celebrations included an Interfaith Water Ceremony, a delicious meal, a 2023 outreach photo montage, a song offering, and information tables for each organization. Attendees donated a suggested \$120 each. The event was organized by Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, Pastor, New Jersey Family Church; Rev. Barry Geller, Executive Director, UPF-USA, New Jersey; Rev. Bruce Grodner, Secretary General, WCLC; Dr. Greg Agulan, Regional Director, ACLC, New Jersey; Rev. Emiljun Rapada, Pastor, Elizabeth Family Church; and Mrs. Katarina Connery, Vice President, WFWP-USA.


Dr. Jenkins shared the message “Peace Begins With Me and Thee,” reminding everyone to share the True Parents’ vision for world peace on the individual and world levels. A tear-filled Bridge Ceremony made up the main event, which was followed by honoring all the 2023 participants in their various affiliated organization activities this past year. Four outstanding leaders, one from each organization, were recognized with the presentation of an award. True Parents’ efforts for world peace are uniquely expressed in each of these affiliated organizations. The event ended with the Unity Song “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” 



Climbing Mount Everest Base Camp (5364 meters) in 12 Days Jongsong for the Victory of Vision 2025 and 2027

In a remarkable endeavor, the Elder Blessed Centered Family (1998, 3.6 Million couples) led by Rev. Binod Dangi, Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation in Nepal, embarked on a trek to Mount Everest Base Camp (MEBC). This trek was offered as a Jongsong, a symbolic gesture for the success of the Vision 2025 and vision 2027. The four-member team, led by Rev. Binod Dangi, included a guide who is a member of his Home Church Ministry family, and a Blessed Family consisting of a mother and son from Scotland, UK. The son, a second-generation member, and his mother, Mrs. Viera Jaupi, undertook this journey with Rev. Dangi. Mrs. Jaupi, originally from Slovakia, and her husband, an Albanian, were blessed in 1997. Mr. Simon Jaupi, their first son, aged 21, was part of this memorable expedition.

The team's trek, spanning 12 days and reaching an elevation of 5364 meters (17,598 feet), was a successful and memorable experience in Nepal. At the base camp, they offered sincere prayers and presented a picture of the True Parents, along with flags of the Unification Church and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, as offerings to heaven. Rev. Binod and his team shared reflections of their journey, describing the trek as challenging, especially due to the harsh conditions in the cold, dangerous Himalayan region. Despite the fatigue, each step towards Everest was memorable, enriched by the natural beauty of the route, the unique lifestyle and culture of the local people, their food, and hospitality, all of which invigorated the team and inspired them to reach the Base Camp. They successfully reached Everest Base Camp on December 19, 2023 (07.11.011 on the heavenly calendar) at 3 PM.

Rev. Binod Dangi recounted the experience as a testament to the amazing and beautiful creations of the Heavenly Parent. The hardships and challenges faced during the trek deepened his understanding of the heart of the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents. He also encouraged other blessed families and members to experience trekking Mount Everest and to feel the essence of the Heavenly Parent's creation. 



Phnom Penh Hosts Tong Il Moo Do National Championship 2023


From December 27 to 30, 2023, Phnom Penh's National Olympic Stadium was the venue for the Tong Il Moo Do National Championship 2023. Organized by the Cambodian Tong Il Moo Do Federation in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport, the event featured 64 athletes and attracted over 100 attendees. Beyond a mere competition, the event incorporated HJ Character Education based on the Principle of True Love, encompassing the Principle of Dual Characteristics, Give and Take Action, Higher Purpose, 3 orderly Stages of Growth, and Freedom with Responsibility. The participants of Tong Il Moo Do (TIMD) aim to achieve three life goals: developing mature character, building a happy and ideal family, and contributing to society. This program receives financial support from the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport.

During the fourth term (2022-2026) of the Federation, Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, founder of the World Tong Il Moo Do Federation, highlighted the importance of Hyo Jeong Character Education, which fosters both spiritual and physical strength. Dr. Seuk's vision includes introducing TIMD to future Olympic Games as a means of promoting global peace, a concept initiated by Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Achieving this goal requires backing from the World Federation and recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The closing ceremony, with over 150 attendees, featured speeches by H.E. Chey Chap, President of the Cambodian Federation, and Dr. Seuk as the keynote speaker. Dr. Seuk recalled the 40th Anniversary of Tong-II Moo-Do on August 28, 2019, when Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon emphasized Father and Mother Moon's dedication in fostering young people and nations to become virtuous leaders. He underscored the significance of inheriting the passionate spirit of the True Parents among TIMD leaders.

Dr. Seuk emphasized teaching the true essence of TIMD, rooted in Unification Thought, which espouses values such as love for God and humanity, coexistence, mutual prosperity, ethical integrity, and true family values. It advocates for the principles of True Parents, True Teacher, and True Owner.

TIMD uniquely blends various martial arts, combining circular and linear movements, enhancing techniques, and introducing exclusive TIMD motions like Wongu (Wonhwa) Tong-II motion, Pyunghwa Eui Bon motion, Chamsarang Eui Bon motion, and Wang Kwon Eui Bon motion (II).


Concluding, Dr. Seuk referred to 2024 as the year of the Dragon, symbolizing hope and courage. He encouraged resilience and discipline for success in the upcoming year, wishing for the well-being of families, communities, and the nation, and envisioning the realization of Heavenly Cambodia. 



Special Fishing Devotion for Central and South America

The 28th edition of the ‘Special Fishing Devotion for Central and South America’, aimed at honoring the 33 nations of Central and South America, commenced on December 1, 1996. Initiated by the True Parents, this special event was celebrated under the banner “Special Fishing Devotion for 33 Countries.” It took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from December 7 to 18, marking a significant chapter in the broader initiative for Central and South America.

This 1996 devotion, held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, held special importance due to its symbolic use of the number 33. The True Parents drew historical parallels, likening the number to the 33 pioneers of Korea’s March 1st Independence Movement in 1919, and the 33 Easterners who, in 1825, landed in Uruguay and faced the Brazilian forces. They directed the placement of 33 fishing rods along the coast, each representing one of the Central and South American countries. This symbolic gesture was meant to reflect a deep commitment and a period of prayer and dedication for these nations.

This ‘Special Fishing Devotion for Central and South America’ tradition, established by the True Parents, spanned 12 years, initially extending over two months (from December 1 to January 31). As time progressed, the duration of the devotion evolved, changing to 40 days, then 21 days, and eventually to 10 days. Despite these changes, the essence and value of this tradition have been consistently upheld, embodying a lasting tribute to the spirit and resilience of Central and South America. 




Brazil HJ Studio Inauguration

On December 17, 2023, the Youth and Students for Peace (YSP), in collaboration with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), celebrated the opening of the HJ Studio. This event took place at the South American continental headquarters in São Paulo, Brazil.

In an age dominated by online interactions, which bear a resemblance to the intangible nature of the spiritual world, the need to intertwine these two realms has become increasingly clear. Acknowledging this, and in line with the True Father's longstanding emphasis on media engagement, the HJ Studio was established. Its primary aim is to produce professional media content, focusing largely on educational materials designed for outreach and enlightenment.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by prominent personalities, including the Continental President of South America, Rev. Dong Woo Kim. Rev. Kim shared his insightful thoughts on this new venture, marking a significant commencement. Additionally, the event was attended by numerous second-generation members, reflecting the broad support and enthusiasm for this initiative.


HJ Studio is set to be a dynamic platform, playing a pivotal role in promoting peace ambassador projects, YSP initiatives, and serving as a news outlet for the FFWPU. This new studio signifies a step forward in merging spirituality with digital media, aiming to reach and inspire a wide audience with its impactful content. 



Mozambique: 21-Days Divine Principle Workshop & Hyojeong Special Workshop

The recent 21-days Divine Principle Workshop for youths aged 12 to 18 has been a resounding success. We had the participation of 28 enthusiastic young people who gained a deep understanding of the True Parents' vision, the importance of sexual purity, family values, and other aspects of the Divine Principle. The Sub-Regional President of FFWPU Shin Africa (South), Rev. Moruti Ledwaba, dedicated the last three days to discussing the significance of the Family Pledge. Additionally, elder sister Patricia Hino from Japan delivered a lecture on True Mother's life journey.

A notable aspect of this workshop was that 90% of the participants came from broken families, mostly with divorced parents. Personal consultations with each participant revealed the profound impact such family disruptions have on young people. For instance, a 13-year-old boy shared, amidst tears, his attempts at suicide three times due to his inability to cope with his parents' divorce. Another teenager, 17 years old, struggles with depression, and a 14-year-old participant is dating as a way to fill the void left by her separated parents. This seminar shed light on the extensive damage caused by the disintegration of families on children in Mozambique.

This understanding has fueled our determination to witness and spread the teachings of our beloved True Parents more vigorously in Mozambique, where divorce rates are alarmingly rising. Another heart-wrenching case involved a 17-year-old participant born with HIV/AIDS. This situation has deeply saddened us and reinforced the urgency of our mission. We feel a strong need to work diligently and swiftly, as it's evident that many families and youths in Mozambique are being devastated by these challenges. 



Zambia: 21-Days Divine Principle Workshop

The Heavenly Parent's Holy Community FFWPU Zambia successfully conducted a 21-Days Divine Principle Workshop from December 10-31, 2023. The event was held at the Cheonbo Heaven and Earth Africa Training Centre in Lusaka, Zambia, beginning on Sunday, August 30, 2020. A total of 54 second and first-generation participants from Malawi and various provinces of Zambia attended, with a majority being youths.

The workshop aimed to prepare participants to share True Mother's Heart with younger generations, identify potential candidates for HJ Rang Cadets training scheduled for January 2024, and prepare them for the blessing. The program included lectures on True Parents' life course, Divine Principle, the value of blessing, Cheonshimwon Providence, Witnessing, fundraising, sports activities, and more. Special lectures were given by CheonEui Won Co-Chair Rev. Bakary Camara and Mrs. Mica Amalanman, FFWPU Africa Regional Vice President. These included both on-site and online presentations, complemented by various sporting activities. Additionally, participants engaged in a one-day fast to deepen their experience of Heavenly Parent and True Parents' heart.

The graduation ceremony on Sunday, December 31, 2023, was attended by over 150 brothers and sisters. The opening of the ceremony featured uplifting

performances with local gospel songs, deeply moving the audience. Heartfelt testimonials were given, including from Brother Angel Mwangho from Choma, Southern Province of Zambia, who shared his transformative experience. Another testimonial came from Brother Ronald Gondwe from Malawi, who spoke of the workshop's significant impact on his faith in Heavenly Parent.

In his opening remarks, HPHC Youth President and Workshop Coordinator, Mr. Soondo Mutewa, detailed the activities carried out during the workshop and praised the amazing teamwork and contributions of participants. He advised the participants to apply what they had learned over the 21 days. FFWPU Zambia National President, Rev. David Isaac Phiri, in his closing remarks, thanked the participants for their endurance and encouraged them to view the workshop's conclusion not as an end but as the beginning of their mission.

The participants received their completion certificates from Rev. David Isaac Phiri and Mr. Soondo Mutewa. The graduation concluded beautifully with the participants joining an online Cheonshimwon Vigil Prayer to celebrate the new year 2024. Overall, the workshop was received positively, with most participants' eager to learn more and making a commitment to their newfound knowledge and experiences. 



Burkina Faso, the School of My Heart

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Burkina Faso(formerly Upper Volta) Congo-Kinshasa

Looking back on my childhood, I think of the secure family atmosphere to which my grandparents and relatives contributed. My father's work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs required him to be transferred regularly from one country to another. And so, my family and I moved often. For us children, too, this meant leaving our school and friends and having to find new ones in the next place. In moments of loneliness, I asked myself many questions. I was interested in social projects and dreamed of a better world.

At the age of seventeen, I left home to start my training as a nurse. I often wondered why there is so much misery and suffering. Although I was absorbed in my training, I still desired to meet people who wanted to create a harmonious world.

One day, during the third year of my training course, a friend and I travelled to the city of Bonn. In the pedestrian zone, a young woman approached passers-by to introduce new ideas for a better world. How amazed I was because she spoke of happy families and a harmonious society where God was involved in everything. This new worldview, which I had never heard of in the church of my childhood. I attended a one-week seminar and was shocked to realise how much God was suffering being separated from His children. That statement and its plausible explanations could only come from someone special, and I understood that the Second Coming of Christ had taken place.

I was not the only one; other seminar participants had the same realisation. Then I remembered that, at the age of seven, shortly before my Holy Communion, I had a

dream about the return of Christ on earth and had promised to God: if Christ comes during my lifetime, I will follow him. On the second day of the seminar in the training centre, I resolved to honour this resolution. That day was a big turning point in my life. Eventually, I left nursing school and joined the Unification Movement.

I felt the desire to spread this great news, but very few were receptive to it. Consequently, my mother decided to research what her daughter had discovered. She attended a seminar to understand the teaching, then read the Divine Principle and concluded: "Reverend Moon is the prophet of the twentieth century." Those were her words!

My African Family

After being only three months in the movement, I was prepared to become a missionary to a foreign country. I felt strength and carried by the spirit of True Parents. I will never forget Paul Werner's prayer shortly before our departure when he shed many tears like a worried shepherd who sends his sheep to the 'wolves'. Saying goodbye to my family was the hardest part. A few minutes before I drove to Frankfurt airport, my sister called to say goodbye. She had sent me clothes and encouraged me. As previously mentioned, the presence of True Parents' spirit now surrounded me like a protective cloak that never left me. I was on a night flight via Paris to Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso. Another missionary, Werner Elias, travelled with me and disembarked in Niamey, Niger, in the middle of the desert. I continued to Ouagadougou on my own. On the plane, I wondered who else would get off with me. I

made the acquaintance of a fellow traveller who was to be welcomed by the German Embassy staff; so I clung to her. Here as well, my impression was that I landed in a desert. When I took the first step out of the plane, a hot wind hit me as a welcome greeting. The young German and the embassy employee took me to a hotel. It was all so unfamiliar with sandy roads, all indistinguishable from each other. My first desire was to find out more about this country.

Back in town, I suddenly saw two white women. Immediately, I rushed to them. They were friendly, helpful, and happy to invite me to lunch the next day. It turned out that they were missionaries of a Protestant mission centre, *Assemblées de Dieu*. In the evening, they invited me to stay with them. I felt so much gratitude. For me, these Christians were like a bridge to the Africans. I started to work in their infirmary and thus made contact with the local people. Soon, however, these missionaries were asking uncomfortable questions. It got to the point that they even prayed for my 'conversion', which made my position on the ward quite uncomfortable.

After three weeks in the country, the American missionary arrived. True Parents had prepared all American missionaries through in-depth lectures. Through him, I understood even more how much this mission was close to the heart of True Parents. Together, we looked around for a place to stay and were soon able to rent a house in the suburb of Gounghin.

To get to know our new surroundings, we went to town every day. At the university, we engaged students in conversations and invited them to our lectures. In the evenings we taught many guests. The American brother spoke in English, and I translated it into French. A few showed great interest in our ideas.

The first girl I ever met was the adopted daughter of the director of the Ministry of Interior, who later became of great help to us. I visited her regularly, and introduced her to the Divine Principle. Although her understanding was perhaps not that deep, she was always helpful. Later, when she got very sick and died. I had looked after her for months, and her family never forgot this. Therefore, we became very close.

When my mother visited me in 1977, the director promised her that he would fully take care of me. Together with his wife said they were my African parents.

In June of 1975, the another brother came. Now, all three of us were together. I had never been in contact with Asians before,



and our relationship was uneasy at first. Several months after our arrival, we tried to obtain official permission for our movement. We took all the documents to the Ministry of the Interior and waited for an answer. We had to wait a long time. Every week one of us went to the government office to help speed up the slow process, but each time the answer was: "Be patient." Then one day in February 1976, the moment arrived. A police superintendent summoned us and stated that we should stop all our activities and leave the country. I do not think that I have ever felt as miserable as I did at that moment! When we got back to the centre, so many thoughts were flooding through my mind. We wondered if there might be some solution. Our mission should not end so abruptly. Then the idea came up to visit my acquaintance, the director of the Ministry of the Interior. In the past, he had already offered me assistance should any problem arise. So, I decided to pay him a visit and report what had happened. After a while he said that the Minister of the Interior – who had ordered our deportation – was a good friend of his. Full of hope, I hurried back to the centre to bring the good news. The director kept his word, spoke to his friend who made it possible for us to stay in the country, however, not as missionaries. We felt so grateful, even if we were no longer allowed to work openly for our movement. The fact that we could stay in the country meant everything to us. This experience brought me an awareness of the miraculous way in which God guided us.



Then the American brother thought about an economic foundation and presented us with several proposals. We experimented with pizza, which I sold from house to house in the residential areas where many Europeans lived. I have to admit that this activity required a lot of willpower. However, when I saw the immediate success, my courage grew. I will never forget how I sold the first twelve pizzas. Our first members later continued to develop this business. Our deepest desire was to find members because, after all, that is why we came. We had already invited and taught many young people, but no one had joined us yet.

Much later, I understood that God could send us the people who were actually prepared if we were to fully devote ourselves. We three missionaries also needed a solid foundation of unity. Therefore, in October 1977, our Asian brother suggested studying the Divine Principle together, and I discovered a lot of new things. There were so many points I had never heard before, and every day I was deeply impressed. On this foundation, in November, we held our first weekend seminar with our new members. Now there were four cultures under one roof: Asian, African, American, and European. Although we all shared the same foundation of faith, it was difficult to get along. Shaped by the Western world through rational thinking, I had trouble understanding the African mentality. They frequently seemed to agree but actually felt quite differently. I was surprised to discover

that, by observing our facial expressions, they noticed right away when I was less satisfied. In that regard, Europeans are much less sensitive.

Before we went out, True Father had said, "If you succeed in creating unity then there is hope to unite the whole world." As missionaries, we were in the 'parent position', yet, it was hard to achieve unity within the first three years. Nevertheless, gradually, we developed a great deal of respect for each other. Eventually, we achieved true brotherhood, which we will carry in our hearts forever.

In November 1977, my mother visited us. What a joy for me! Since I arrived in Burkina Faso, we have had a lively exchange of letters. With great interest, she continued to follow our missionary work, which I shared with her regularly. For years my parents always supported us.

On the occasion of True Father's 60th birthday, all missionaries met for a World Mission Conference in New York in early 1980. What a joy and excitement to meet True Parents for the first time! We waited with great anticipation and inner preparation but were told that True Parents probably could not come for safety reasons. There had been threats to their lives. Luckily, two hours later, we suddenly heard that we could welcome True Parents. What an emotion! Tears ran down my cheeks like a waterfall, so that I could not see anything at first. I became aware of what True Parents had to endure! I want to mention that I was the only sister in Burkina Faso for the first five years; therefore, I felt called to express



Heavenly Parent's motherly heart towards the members and thus was able to overcome my loneliness because a motherly heart embraces.

All the deeper was my joy when, in 1980, the other brother's wife joined us. I will never forget the day we picked her up from the airport. When I met her for the first time, I had the feeling that I had always known her. But she was not a stranger since her husband had been working in this country for five years. Certainly, the move to Africa must have been challenging for her. She never showed the slightest discomfort, though. Of course, she couldn't say much at first, but her kindness won the members' hearts. She remained positive, despite difficult financial or political situations. Soon she was expecting her first child. Even after the birth of her first son, she continued to devote herself to the mission. We all loved the little boy's presence, and working with a sister was very fulfilling for me.

We went fundraising regularly and got excellent results. I was happy to experience the deep heart of this elder sister. The most important thing for me in this country was to find a native sister. The social situation of women in Africa is undoubtedly complex and diverse.

In 1980 we started Home Church activities. I chose a district in Ouagadougou where I visited one house after another and eventually met a student there. She was the first young woman who spoke openly to me about various topics, which was so valuable for me. One day I made this proposal to her.

I had prepared my heart for a long time, hoping that she would accept. Therefore, it was a huge shock to hear from her that she needed to support her family. Our tradition at that time was to expect new members to dedicate their life fully. From a human standpoint, of course, it was commendable that this young woman felt responsible for her family. I do not remember how I got home on my motorcycle that day as the tears were flowing down like rain, and I could barely see the road.

Actually, I had an incredible experience with God. Now I could better understand how He cared and suffered for His children. Over the years, however, we remained friends and keep in touch to this day. A few months later, I met another young woman. She, too, had graduated from high school and was studying English. She showed interest in our teaching and took part in regular seminars. During the Christmas holidays, she fully agreed to my suggestion to become a member and wanted to participate in advanced seminars at the beginning of January. With these thoughts in mind, I visited her. When I got to her farm and enquired about her, she did not receive me that evening. Instead, her little brother came back with a letter. The letter said that she regretted not accepting my invitation, as she had just become pregnant and must now be responsible for her child. This was my second big disappointment with girls in Burkina Faso.

I was stumped. 'Is there not one young woman in this country who could walk this way?' Such were my prayers to God.



Soon after, the first member in Burkina Faso suggested that I visit one of his contacts. I met her in her office and right away started a conversation. Her greatest wish was to attend our seven-day seminar. However, this turned out to be problematic, especially since a young woman is not allowed to spend the night outside her family home. Moreover, she was engaged and had to take care of a child. Nevertheless, she decided to come to the lectures. I was amazed because I had never seen such determination in a local woman before. The seven days were quite a struggle. All I could do was to pray. Every day her fiancé came to the centre to take her back; at first, very cordially, but later with more insistence. Nevertheless, with much determination, she endured and completed the seven days. We were overjoyed that she became one of the first members of our movement in Burkina Faso.

I had waited for the first sister for eight and a half years, so our relationship was exceptional. My heart was filled with deep gratitude. In September 1980, the American brother opened a photo studio with supplies he had purchased months earlier. It was admirable how he learned the technique from books alone. Since there was no colour photo developing facility in Burkina Faso, we soon had many customers. They kept saying how good the quality of our workmanship was. The American brother passed his knowhow onto some members. At first, it was challenging for both the teacher and the students. Later these brothers became excellent technicians.

On 2nd September 1980, for the first time, four members started pioneer missions in other cities. All had attended a 40-day seminar in New York and expressed their desire to take the message to other cities. It was moving when they shared their experiences on their return. How much God accompanied them! Although I was committed to my work in Ouagadougou, I felt the desire to marry and have a family one day. So, on 1st July 1982, my fiancé Bernard and I attended the 2,075 couples Marriage Blessing ceremony in New York. It was a special moment for both of us. A short time later, Bernard told me that he was ready to join me in Burkina Faso; he was working in France at that time. I was very grateful for his decision as it would have been difficult for me to move back to Europe.

The highlight of our missionary years was the Marriage Blessing of our first Burkina Faso members in Korea, October 1982. A few months earlier, I joined a team of other missionary sisters to fundraise in Nigeria. We started in Kano, in the north of the country, and travelled through all major cities down to the south. We sold framed laser prints to wealthy Nigerians and Europeans who were company owners. Most of the time, they welcomed us with much enthusiasm. It was wonderful to get to know this vast country and its people. With the money earned, the first eight members could then travel to Korea for the Blessing.

Although the previous months had been quite troublesome politically, the coup d'état

in Burkina Faso on 4th August 1983 caused deep concern. I had not expected such a situation. However, we experienced God in new ways. I would like to add here that Bernard came to Burkina Faso in May 1983. The then director of foreign missions had asked him to set up a machine tool workshop in Ouagadougou. Bernard had the appropriate training as an engineer. However, when the change of government occurred, that workshop project was relocated to Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. That meant Bernard would not stay in Ouagadougou. Honestly speaking, this hit us hard. We had so many plans in Burkina Faso, and now we should pursue a new course! Thus, Bernard went to Kinshasa. However, I could not bring myself to leave my country immediately. Besides, I did not want to leave the brothers and sisters alone during the country's crisis. Moreover, it was difficult for Bernard – who had barely gotten accustomed to Burkina Faso – to go alone to a new African country. Yet, he understood my heart, and we both agreed to accept this temporary separation.

The general political situation made us missionaries quite nervous. That is why we sent the young members to the neighbouring country. Since the borders were officially closed, the brothers had to find alternative routes and walk for several days. Later, some of them said that they remembered True Father's long march as he fled from North to South Korea on foot. Because of the military occupation, the situation was quite dangerous. For weeks we lived in uncertainty because we did not know the direction the government would take. That is why we had hand-luggage ready, just in case. The slogans on the radio and the rumours in town drove me almost crazy. Sometimes I could hardly sleep at night because of gunfire.

Counterrevolutionaries were arrested in the middle of the night. For me, there was one moment of panic when I wanted to leave immediately.


One day I dreamed about True Mother coming to Burkina Faso and spending two days with me. She did not speak much, but her tranquillity, patience, joy and quiet yet alert, attentive, informed and concerned demeanour greatly impressed me! "The national situation", True Mother said, "will be tough but surmountable." Today I can testify that she correctly assessed the situation at that time. Weeks later, after the situation had calmed down, we again started organising seminars on a regular basis. We had many new guests, and it was necessary to teach our thoughts as clearly as

possible so that these guests could apply the Divine Principle in their daily lives as future members.

Just as He Gives, God Can Also Take

In the summer of 1984, we had to make preparations for my departure from Burkina Faso. This was a great internal struggle. I had lived there longer than anywhere before, and it was painful to leave all my brothers and sisters alone in this delicate situation. In addition, there was still a lot to accomplish. Some members came to me, questioning if I could stay. It was so difficult for me that I wrote a letter to our director asking him whether there might still be an opportunity to continue working in Burkina. In his reply, he thanked me for my work in Burkina Faso and said that Bernard's mission in Kinshasa was vital. I then started praying to finally make up my mind. After my sincere forty-day prayer condition, the other missionary brother and I had a conversation. He said, "Just as He gives, God can also take." That was precisely what I needed to hear! I could now accept this internally, and once I made that final decision; I also discovered a change within the members. They came to me and encouraged me, which touched me deeply.

Reflection

Looking back on these precious years in Africa, God, our Heavenly Parent, walked with me side by side. I am so grateful for His constant guidance and protection. I was always warmly welcomed by every family, even when meeting them for the first time. Saying goodbye to Burkina Faso was very hard, but God kept His promise. Bernard and I discovered a whole new culture in our new country, the Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa). Every African country is so unique. A great number of young people had joined our movement resulting in dynamic activities. It was Father Moon's great desire to provide technical education for Africans. I will never forget the first members who had shown me their deep hearts. Yes, this connection remains forever! Besides, we were very happy that our first three children were born in Africa. As a family in Kinshasa, we discovered the Africans' love for children. I lived in Africa for twenty-one years. Of course, I have not been able to express everything yet. I have always maintained a connection with this continent. In 2009 my children expressed the desire to see Africa again. So, we travelled together to Burkina Faso and met the families with whom we had shared so much. What a happy reunion that was! 

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