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LETTERS AND REPORTS

Los Angeles, California

Sandy Schuhart

Our beloved Family,

It was so wonderful to read your letters and reports in the Children's Day issue of the Newsletter. To share your excitement at the many events that took place in your lives this past month fills my heart with joy in knowing that our Father was watching and sharing in the growth of His Family. May our love deepen that we may return to Him so much more than He has given to us.

We would also like to share with you the latest news from Los Angeles. Father now has two more children here in His home. One is Judy Culbertson, a very beautiful girl. Judy is 21 years old. She came here very strangely one evening to hear about the Principle and never left. She had been prepared for the message, and we feel that Father led her here. But all this I am sure she will share with you in her testimony.

The other person is a boy, Gary Fleischer. Gary is a college student. He is of Jewish background and was studying to become a rabbi when we met him. Now he is studying to become a warrior for God! Gary moved into the Center last Friday and brought joy to everyone with his eagerness to learn and to help in any way that he can.

One great event that took place in Los Angeles was a visit by Miss Kim. Her visit meant so very much to each of us and brought us closer to our Family in Washington and our Family in Europe as she told us of many of you. Father gives His love in so many beautiful ways.

Everyone here is working very hard in pushing forward for the Kingdom. We unite our energies with yours, that we may win this battle for our God.

In Their Name, Sandy.

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Berkeley, California

Edwin Ang

Dear Family,

The spiritual atmosphere in Berkeley and the Bay Area has become brighter in the last year or two due to the advent of the hippie movement and the growing popularity of Indian methods of meditation. The first bestows a mixed blessing upon the

people, and its more negative than positive effects are self-evident; the second will perhaps leave more positive than negative imprint upon the minds of the American people. Among these groups the Meher Baba League and the International Students' Meditation Society (established by Maharisi Mahesh Yogi) are especially active. In the wake of these fast-moving fads and U.C. campus unrest, the decline of the Christian churches is becoming more and more obvious. Reportedly, most churches in Berkeley have growing financial problems because many disenchanted people are either leaving their churches or switching to others and because of the weakening financial support of the remaining church members.

In view of these developments we have been feverishly working to build a new, strong nucleus in Berkeley. This has been strengthened by the arrival a month ago of Farley Jones from Washington, D. C. Whenever we become active, we see evidence of heavenly cooperation. The results have so far been encouraging, and we remain confident in the eventual success of our mission in Berkeley and the Bay Area.

Our approach in Berkeley is still very much in the experimental stage and is being constantly amplified and modified to deal most effectively with the needs and interests of the people. Among the methods used to contact interested people is an ad in the Berkeley Barb, which results in an average of four to eight calls per evening; and we go witnessing on Telegraph Avenue. When a Christian preacher street-preached to a crowd of people on Saturday evenings, we would present a summary of the first chapter either on the sidewalk or in nearby coffee houses. On one occasion we got three people interested, and a week ago, six people. Also, we put posters (Unified Family's "poetry of life")* at crucial places in the city, especially around and on the campus. We are still waiting for results.

Furthermore, we are now thinking of setting up workshops to lead people with specialized interests and problems to the Principle. This may include a counseling workshop, peace workshop, education workshop (integrating all fields of specialization through the Principle). This idea was sparked by a meeting with a University student counselor, Dr. Alan Cohen, a young psychologist who openly admitted that psychological treatment alone cannot adequately handle the twenty percent of U. C. students who at one time or another reach a point of crisis in their school year. Dr. Cohen is now loosely associated with the Meher Baba League and has been referring students to it for spiritual guidance. One boy from Oakland, Richard Wetherell, who has been looking for a more basic approach to peace, is interested in using the Principle as a basis for action. These two projects on counseling and peace are still in the blueprint stage. The education workshop can be initiated in conjunction with the Free University on U. C. campus as soon as we have more Divine Principle teachers.

The fate of our movement appears to depend mainly upon our wisdom, and we must increasingly expand our understanding of the Principle in depth and breadth. It might

be beneficial for us to relate the Principle to various fields, such as psychology, philosophy, economics, language (verbal and non-verbal), anthropology, education, chemistry, physics, and to human problems such as divorce, juvenile delinquency, racial conflict and the like.

* Reference to posters on preceding page: Publications Department will soon be making these posters generally available by Lightning Flashes.

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Denver, Colorado

Jack Korthuis

Dear Family,

I would like to share with you some very significant events which have been happening in Denver. For about a year our growth in terms of numbers has been very limited. We have been praying very strongly for God to lead us to prepared people.

Miss Kim was recently in Denver and acted as a very powerful unifying factor. While with the Denver Family, she shared her spirit of dedication to the Father and drew us together in love and wisdom. We were able to understand many things in depth which had not been clear before. I feel that because of her visit and the response of the Family, God was able to work through this Family in a very dynamic way.

In the mail recently I received an invitation to a lecture conducted by Anthony Brooke. The letter was not signed and there was no return address on it. It said to bring friends, so the Denver Family was planning to attend; but at the last moment, people called saying they were ill or for other reasons would not be able to attend. Nevertheless, about half of the Family did go and Anthony Brooke gave powerful testimony to our Leader. He told of several spiritual revelations which are preparing people for the more specific revelation of our Leader. He spoke with great wisdom, and shared with the audience visions and dreams that people all over the world are receiving. He spoke in general terms, awakening those present to thinking about the New Age. He dealt somewhat with phenomena and satisfied the curiosity of those interested in this. Phenomena is awakening many people who would not otherwise be aware.

Anthony Brooke made it known that the revelation of Sun Myung Moon could be heard in Denver and gave our name and address. The Denver Family was able to contact and begin to share the Principle with many people because of the visits of Miss Kim and Anthony Brooke.

We realize that more people are needed to work for God and to grow to that perfected love relationship with our Father. Our prayers are being answered and many people are coming to learn the great revelation of God given through our Leader. The New Age is upon us, and there is much work to be done. Pray with us, dear Family, that the harvest will be reaped.

The end of 1967 is here. Be prepared to share the truth and love of the Father with which you have been so richly blessed. Now is the time for hard work and maximum use of wisdom.

Our prayers have been answered and the people are coming. Pray with us and for us that God's power and love will be communicated in a wise way. Let us pray that those who have been searching and thirsting for God's love be filled to overflowing with the truth and strength of the Divine Principle.

With great love and in the Name of our Lord.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to tell you that the following publications are now available from headquarters:

MASTER SPEAKS SERIES

MS-1(2)	\$.40
MS-2(2)	.40
MS-3(2)	.40
MS-4(2a)	.20
MS-6(2)	.20

LEADER'S ADDRESS SERIES

LA 3/12/65	.40
LA 3/14/65	.40
LA 4/21/65	.40
LA 4/21/65 (Welcome to Arthur Ford Sitting)	.20

For use in the interim before a new Family songbook is produced in full glory, we have available English translations matched to the music of the Korean songs in our hymnbook. These may be added to your books by pasting over the page or by adding an additional page. Obtainable at \$.20 a set are:

"Song of the Young People"

"Glorious Eden"

"He Has Called Me"

"Song of the Garden" and others are forthcoming.

Columbus, Ohio

Leonard Edwards

Dear Family:

As I sit here writing this letter, I have difficulty trying to put into words what I feel.

We have recently returned from Headquarters, and before I go any further I strongly urge everyone to make all effort to visit Washington at least once. I waited for over a year thinking the Leader would come and then I would go. Well, he didn't come and I didn't go. But now after going (hindsight is better than foresight) I realize that it is perhaps just as important to go before he arrives. Miss Kim always urges us to come and many of us ignore that. But now I can understand why she suggests we come. Only in Headquarters can we in the field really understand what is happening in America. Their perspective is much broader than ours. We are limited to our area and they are looking at the nation and the world.

If we were to utilize our time, effort and money as effectively as they, we would not be as weak on membership as we are. I am expressing my self-criticism and by no means judging my brothers and sisters. In Washington no time is wasted. Everyone works a full-time job and still finds time to devote to spiritual matters. I was amazed. I have lived in Centers in Los Angeles and Cleveland and have never experienced anything like Headquarters. If everyone could visit Washington and feel what I have been feeling since I have returned, perhaps we might be half ready to greet our Master when he comes. Well, I've said enough, but take the word of a stubborn, hardheaded individual that Headquarters has a lot to offer everyone.

Also here in Columbus we are projecting our plans for 1968. We are presently using the survey method to witness.

We have two. One is for door-to-door and is quite effective. Every house but one has let us in. (That one has sick people in it.) The surveys are designed in such a way that after you ask the first few questions you qualify the person whether he is the type or interested enough to continue. Then the final question is "Would you like to hear more about the 'Unified Family'?" We will keep you posted on the results.

We have chosen Tuesday evening as "Introduction Meetings." If a person is interested in continuing then we book another evening for a class. This way we hope to eliminate having (because of lack of teachers) to start over because some one new shows up. (These are problems?)

We are also projecting a monthly quota for our Center. This may help to stimulate witnessing. I am confident that if we are out there Father will lead us

because prepared people are looking for us as hard as we are looking for them.

We have another survey for college students. It needs work and practice. We have been inspired by Los Angeles talent and desire to communicate with someone from there. So if anyone is interested please write.

I feel that '68 is the year. We have a stronger foundation than ever before in this country. There is no excuse not to succeed beyond any previous records. Father has chosen the finest to lead this nation. I have never met any sincere Principle member that did not have tremendous potential. I often feel I don't doubt Principle but I doubt my ability. This is an insult to God. He would not have chosen us if we didn't have the ability. There has never been on this earth a Leader like our Master. There has never been an ideology like the Principle. There has never been the means to accomplish the goal of perfection. There has never been a world with the people so prepared. In short, God has never had the means to accomplish His will. How can we fail? There is no excuse. If I fail, I offer myself to our heavenly Father, our True Parents, and you, my brothers and sisters, for judgment. Are you willing to do the same?

Well, I don't write the newsletter often and when I do it's a book. I pray that the next report will be from new brothers and sisters. Then I'll write again in 1969.

My love goes out to all of you all over the world and I welcome all give and take of communication.

I'll close for now and ask for your support in prayer and in return give mine. I pray that the burning desire for Father's quick success in this area and world-wide, in each of us, is soon realized.

In our True Parents' Names.

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Human things must be known to be loved; but Divine things must be loved to be known.

-- Blaise Pascal

ARTICLES

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Barbara Mikesell

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

I Corinthians 13:1-3

Sometimes we wonder about our spiritual status: Where am I? How far have I come? Will I be strong enough to be successfully tested by our Leader? Can I remain true when confronted by Satan? Do I bring joy into the heart of the heavenly Father? Where can we look to find the answers to these questions?

What Father desires from each of us is our complete dedication. We know that our five percent responsibility in His eyes is equal to a hundred percent of our determined and dedicated effort. Ninety-five percent from us is not enough, for it is upon that small remaining key that a base is made and all can be lost. I feel that it is only through our single-hearted love that this last gap can be bridged. ". . . And if I have all, but have not love, I am nothing . . . "

It is timeless fact that it is the little things in life that are the making of history; it is the pennies that make the million. I know so well from watching those in leadership roles that if a leader cannot come to trust one in the small mundane acts of everyday life, he is not free to deepen his trust of that person, or in giving greater responsibility him.

Jacob inherited Abraham's mission and blessing because of Abraham's failing to divide two small birds. Abraham's zeal and efforts for God were so great; how much he sacrificed in his obedience! It was in that last instant that the small slip was made that revealed the lack in his total heart for God. That slip nullified the years of sweat, blood and tears for heaven that had gone before. Perhaps Abraham was tired; the sweat must have been burning his eyes after cutting the large animals under the scorching sun amid the stench of blood. Or perhaps Abraham rationalized, "These two birds are so insignificant . . . " There could be many good excuses for a slip in the cosmic lives to which we have been called also; what is the one element that can carry us through? It is absolute heart of love, directed and centered upon God alone. Love is the power that can take us beyond where all else fails.

Since it is upon the small, everyday actions that the mountains in our lives and in the world are moved, I began to look around that Center and into my own life, only to see these gaps appearing. All the dishes are washed, but they are left in the drainer and the garbage from the dirty water lies in the sink. A Sunday paper is scattered in the living room. The clothes are hung and beds made, but combs, toothbrushes and towels lie sloppily around the bathroom. Some find much time to sit around and gab while it is always the same few whose time is taken seeing to the daily, unnoticed responsibilities that keep a Center running. When asked to carry out a task or run an errand, is it done begrudgingly, delayed, done carelessly or forgotten? Two birds also appeared small. Each one of us are living lives of even greater significance than Abraham; we must steadily grow to the point where we will not be found lacking.

Several months ago, I recall how impressed Sylvia and I were as we watched one of our Korean elder sisters work with us in the kitchen. She moved so quickly and accomplished so quietly; she was never in anyone's way, yet the tasks dissolved like magic under her hands. As I watched, I began to see the key: each small act came from her heart, an act of love.

I try to take that experience into my own life. When I do a task, especially one that I don't particularly care for, or when it is late at night and I'm so tired, I feel in my heart that I am doing it directly for our Leader or heavenly Father. The dishes are his dishes. Or if I am serving someone that it distresses me to serve, it is he that I am serving. If our Leader were to suddenly step into the kitchen or living room or bedroom, what kind of sight would make him happy to see?

Life is full of these tiny everyday motions, they appear small, but the same heart that accomplishes these is called upon to fulfill burdens and responsibilities of national and cosmic significance.

What our Father desires from us, each one of his so dearly loved children, is our complete heart of determined love. A sense of obligation or even a rational understanding will not take us as far as we must go. Let us truly become brides of our heavenly Father and project a concerned and tender care into each day's activities. May we never be satisfied with ninety-five percent of our task accomplished, whether it be a great task or seemingly unimportant. Let us succeed where Abraham failed.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

I Corinthians 13:4-8

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

George Fernsler

IF

What kind of life do we expect? What blessings do we envision? Consider:

IF

If you can keep your head when all about you
 Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
 If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
 But make allowance for their doubting too;
 If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
 Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
 On being hated don't give way to hating,
 And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise,

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
 If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,
 If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
 And treat those two imposters just the same;
 If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
 Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
 And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings;
 And risk it on one turn of pitch—and—toss,
 And lose, and start again at your beginnings
 And never breathe a word about your loss;
 If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
 To serve your turn long after they are gone,
 And so hold on when there is nothing in you
 Except the will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
 Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
 If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you.
 If all men count with you, but none too much;
 If you can fill the unforgiving minute
 with sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
 Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
 And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

—Rudyard Kipling

Who could possibly have fulfilled this poem? Who could be this kind of person? Miss Kim and Colonel Pak are, I know, this kind of person.

Is there any one of us of the West who could be this sort of person? I know that a few could qualify on a number of these conditions. If, through our Leader, through our True Parents, we can not fulfill the ideal, how are we different from others? The blessings promised are the blessings which were promised to Adam and Eve, and lost by them, the blessings that could be given at last to our Leader.

"Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!"

These are the blessings of true manhood and true womanhood.

We are the pioneers of America. America and the world depend upon us. Their destiny depends on us. All the toil and hardships our pioneer ancestors—and God, Himself—will be of small account if we do not fulfill their work. The promise of America—the promise of America for the world—depends upon us. This must humble us.

Americans have pioneered: first in settling the country, but equally in scientific discovery, in religious freedom and open testing of spiritual truths, in political freedom, in respect for the individual. Do not think the work of such pioneers was easy. We come upon their foundation. Because of their foundation, our trials may be the lesser in actuality. They persevered and conquered. We can and shall conquer—and win the final victory.

The benefits, both spiritual and physical, which we enjoy today, were brought to us by pioneers who faced ridicule, long struggle, financial failure, family rejection, treachery of trusted co-workers—even in the twentieth century. We look at the finished result and the original idea—but it was not so simple as so often imagined!

Let us proceed. Let us fight the battle hard. We have the way. The path has been opened through. We have the advantage others, more bold, did not have. We cannot fail our heavenly Father. We cannot fail to bring ultimate victory to our Father now. For those in America, and for those in Europe and Australia, our work in any case is on a universal scale ultimately—although it is on and is always on the immediate personal level. The personal and the universal are related: each is founded upon the other. Let us keep this full perspective.

May we "run the race" well, as Paul, hastening the day of final victory.

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TESTIMONIES

Chicago, Illinois

John Travis Jones

To reveal one's most inner self is difficult—and in many ways impossible—yet this is the goal of an artist and a seeker. However, when I realized the necessity of revealing and discovering myself, I was seeking for my own comprehension: Who am I? What am I to do with the life I have been given by God? What or who is God? Why is the world in so much pain? and many other questions like this.

When I was sixteen a friend asked me, "Did God create man, or did man create God?" This was perhaps my awakening, for at this time I became a seeker. Being a Methodist, I found that I asked questions which could not be answered in my church, and I knew I must seek elsewhere for the answers. Therefore I began to look at other religions. It took me four years of seeking and a close relation with several Jews for me to decide to convert to Judaism. I converted on January 3, 1967, and seven months later in Washington I met Becky Boyd and then Sylvia Rogndahl, and I was introduced to the Principle.

These are the chronological facts, but they are just that—facts. They do not show my heart. To do that in words is hard and painful.

Since I was a child of about five I have had a running battle with Satan. I was an avid science fiction fan, and just before I heard the Principle I read C. S. Lewis' Out of the Silent Planet, Perlandra, and The Hideous Strength. I longed for a better world to live in. A world without suffering and turmoil, a world with a positive Hope. I constantly looked for a "cure" for myself, rejecting psychiatrists as impractical, and knowing that the way was within me if I could only find the key.

I used to day-dream a great deal, and one dream I repeated constantly. I saw myself given the gift of ESP in a fantastic proportion, and this was to be used only for good. Then I went out and abolished evil from the face of the earth. Yet, after that what? I failed completely to comprehend God.

I asked of Him and gave nothing in return, and I was miserable. Yet, I was still a seeker. I found my battle grow before me and at times the wall I was attempting to destroy between me and my answers seemed almost ready to fall on me and crush what little strength remained. Then I met Becky Boyd, who had been a college philosophy major, and through this we had a common base for communication. I discovered that she followed a philosophy and my first question was, "Is it a Communist group?" She firmly told me that it was quite the opposite and then began to dangle interesting bits of information before my ever-curious nose. From that point on the Principle was inevitable.

I heard the Principle, and my first reaction was, "I'll buy it." But at the time I did not have the foggiest idea what I was buying. Oh, I understood some of the basic ideas, but to comprehend how to actually apply what I had heard was still buried under that "first hearing" glow. But then I moved to Chicago, and there I spent one month, by myself, in which time I began to really understand who our Father is in a very personal way. I was confused and troubled, but I was also protected. Then, after many unsuccessful attempts, Orah Schoon from Gary got in touch with me: and through her I met Martha, and then I began to grow.

Today as I sit here I realize that the Principle is growing both within me and within the United States. I have poured forth my soul and felt a slow remodeling, and I hunger for faster and faster growth. I have seen our Father's side win in the battle through actual fighting and I no longer cry out at night in misery for myself. I cry now because I see people who refuse the Word. I see Satan as he twists the world about, yet I also see our Leader on a white horse with his sharp sword and I know that He is winning.

I pray, my Father, that you will take my soul and body and lead me through the war which must be fought. Father, show me those who have ears to hear and eyes to see. Let my mouth spout forth the golden fountain of life and make me your instrument in serving our Leader. Children still cry, even at dawn. The war comes charging onward. We are strong and grow stronger, and through our Leader we conquer for You.

Yet, I am small, Father, but my vision is one of glory for You as our Leader rides through the streets of Rome, a perfect radiance with a sword of fiery steel and a multitude gathered 'round. This, Father, is my vision of wonder, of your Kingdom on Earth, and this, Father, is what I weep and pray for. Amen.

Through this testimony I dedicate my life to God our Father and to our Leader, the Messiah, for there is much work to be done. May I prove worthy of my calling. I pray this in the name of my True Parents. Amen.

(Travis is a recent visitor to the Washington center, lives in Chicago, and is currently in school there).

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Chicago, Illinois

Frank C. Miletich

Before Principle, I was always alone—even in a crowd. It seemed that the more I searched for meaningful communication with people, the less there was. All that offered comfort were walks alone—in the rain. Martha found me in this sad state, and later, lectured to me and tried to work with me.

... we continue to grow and grow stronger, and through our leader
... continue charging forward. We are strong and grow stronger, and through our leader

Yes, I am small, Father, but my vision is one of glory for You as our leader
rides through the streets of Rome, a perfect warrior with a sword of fiery steel
and a multicolored sash around his waist. This, Father, is my vision of wonder, of your
Kingdom on Earth, and this, Father, is what I weep and pray for. Amen.

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the Messiah, for there is much work to be done. May I prove worthy of my calling.
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(This is a recent prayer to the Washington center, given in Chicago, and is
currently in school here.)

Frank C. Mitchell

Chicago, Illinois

Before this, I was always alone—even in a crowd. It seemed that the more
I searched for meaningful communication with people, the less there was. All
that offered comfort were walks alone—in the rain. Martha found me in this and
said, and later, learned to sit and hold to earth with me.

Brightly beams... WASHINGTON FAMILY

♪ This is my Father's world
and to my listening ears,
all nature sings
and round me rings
the music of the spheres...



YUNG OON KIM



Washington Center serves as U. S. Headquarters of our movement as well as the nerve center for the entire Western world. Hence, the members in Washington Center have a dual responsibility. Besides the regular Center activities, Washington has functions which differ from those of other Centers.

For instance, the printing and the distribution of the New Age Frontiers and other teaching materials require full-time work. To print anything, you must write and edit. These things require special talent and skill, with whole-hearted devotion and an enormous amount of time.

When we receive good news from the local Centers, we share it through the New Age Frontiers. However, we receive not only good news, but letters loaded with problems. Then we put in any amount of energy and time to solve them and be of help. We consider this a privilege, but it is certainly not an easy task.

We receive orders from our Leader because he considers Washington the headquarters in the U. S. However difficult these instructions may be, we have to carry on. This is certainly a great privilege, but at times it requires great courage and determination.

We carry on financial responsibility far greater than any local Family can imagine. We share this financial responsibility with you to some extent, but we in Washington share the large portion among ourselves. We make the maximum effort to meet the great demand. It is a wonderful experience for us to do this, because the more we give, the more abundantly we are blessed both in spirit and materially.

We extend our invitation to each of you to come and spend some time with us. It is our Leader's request that we standardize our teaching. To introduce anyone to the Divine Principle, we may use a variety of approaches; but teaching should be uniform. Therefore, I want each one of you to come to Washington for your vacation, to share the method we are using as well as to share your method and experience with us. Not only in your teaching, but in your understanding of our movement and our Leader's dispensation, you need close contact with us. Therefore, we would like to have you with us any time of the year. For that purpose, whenever you come we will devote our time to you. I want you to take this invitation personally and feel obliged to come, making definite effort to come and visit. Much misconception about the Divine Principle and misunderstanding of our organization will be clarified.

Some people think that those in the Washington Center exercise undue authority by making plans and decisions on various matters. Do you not look to us for direction and guidance? We make plans and decisions only in order to respond to your desire. It is not exercising authority or power over you. It may appear assuming authority and power, but for us it is simply assuming heavy responsibility. When we find dedicated and capable members, we confer a certain amount of responsibility on them. When they successfully carry on the responsibility, we trust them more and more and leave them alone to do their work. If they neglect their responsibility or do a poor job, then we naturally watch them closely, even advising or interfering with their work. This is inevitable, because we cannot fail the Father because of some individual.

We must always be ready to kill our personal pride before the absolute matter, the fulfillment of the Father's Will. Before claiming any authority or position, you must be trustworthy in your dedication, responsibility and capability of carrying out your mission. Day and night I am looking for men and women of this caliber.

We are so deeply concerned about all of our Family in America and Europe. We are eager to send you some inspiration, encouragement and comfort that you will successfully, joyously, and victoriously fulfill your mission wherever you are. This is our sole desire and daily prayer and endeavor.

Those in the Headquarters are not superhuman in ability and talent. Sometimes you seem to expect almost too much and be disappointed. All of us have full-time jobs and are carrying a double or triple load physically and spiritually. It is impossible for anyone to continue such strenuous work if the flame of love and dedication to the Father is not burning within him. Because of the flame, we can do and have been doing far greater work than we could possibly do with our own ability. We are only grateful for this privilege to offer our tears, our sweat, and our blood for the Cosmic Restoration of our Father's Kingdom.

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God's power will be revealed in the children of our Father, the Youth of Harmony

PHILIP BURLEY

My dear Family:

You were constantly in our thoughts while planning for the Brightly Beams. We are most interested in presenting you with the truest, most natural view of our Father's center in Washington, D. C. Headquarters center is people, brothers and sisters, like yourself, working for the common goal of making this the Heavenly Father's world. Our desire is to comfort the Father's heart by being responsible in every way. Then Father can fully place His burden upon us. This is the invisible theme of your headquarters center.

The hum of activity whirls into one great sound of music as from this room and that room come the voices of members; lecturing and praying, laughing and singing or typing, cleaning and cooking. The concert continues on the streets in the city as two-by-two determined children of light go from door to door to sing this new song to others.

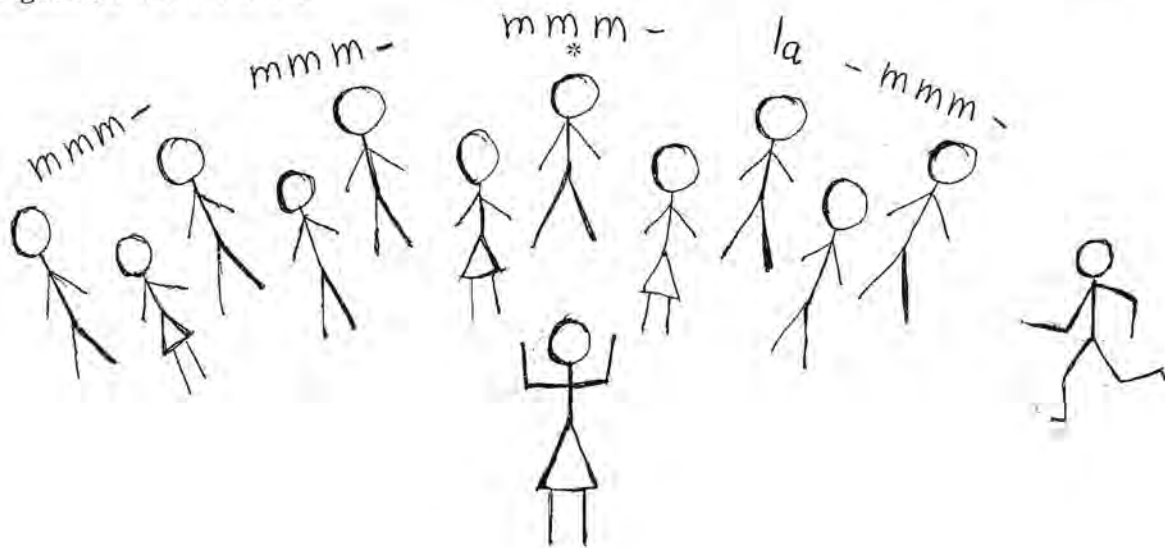
Our center is richly blessed by the one who made it possible for us to know the Father and live with Him so intimately in our daily lives. Thanks to Father we have Miss Kim as the maestro of the center, a constant source of Father's loving guidance. With all of this we feel the ever present Spirit of the Father who lives in and with us. And it is this—His Presence—that we want to share with you as we all work together in America to make this our Father's world.

As you will read later, we have used various ways to bring Father's lost children to Him. Generally a seeker is taken through the entire book in about a week. Initially he may be invited to dinner to meet all the brothers and sisters he didn't know he had, for this is the way we treat him, just as one of us. If he responds to the Principle, which is happening more and more these days, we urge him to buy a book or study guide and set a date for him to return and read with us. Meanwhile, he may come and hear the lectures over again and eat with us periodically. He is led to outline and eventually teach the Principle. On an evening set aside especially for him and others who have finished the lectures he will hear personal stories from us on just how we got a seat in this

heavenly orchestra. As he progresses he will find himself attending Sunday service and Saturday evening prayer meetings, feeling more and more free in his new found life, exclaiming he wished he had come sooner. Before he knows it he has moved into the center playing his responsible part in God's concert. Because the daily score calls for strict harmony to reach our goals, if he plays off tune, too loudly or too softly it's soon noticed. In this respect twenty people serve wonderfully to surround and raise each new person to our Father. Persons are quickly converted in heart after they accept. They have so many examples to chose from. The group standard, though unspoken, becomes a ruler by which to measure oneself. And positive transforming group conformity serves to place the prodigal brother or sister on the road to the Father's Heart. Life we've learned is living and living is the back ground against which one is trained in the Divine Principle in Washington.

As any orchestra, whose members are not practiced enough, gives a bad performance so too this string of heavenly musicians gives a bad performance once in a while. Father makes us aware that we are not yet first chair musicians when we experience painful growth periods; lonely hours and days, sleepless nights, tearful prayers and heart piercing rejection. God is preparing each of us for a mission and will not protect us, even in a center this size, from experiences that will make us virtuosos.

This then gives you a glimpse into the Washington Family life. It's a life that is bringing us more and more into harmony with the Father's Heart. And incidentally we have concerts every day in which we feature guest musicians—you must come to Washington and appear on our program. Excuse me, I hear them tuning up right now





REBECCA BOYD

Give every flying
minute something
to keep in store...

The other evening at Family prayer I realized I had been here in Washington a full year. Looking around the room at the beloved faces of brothers and sisters, I felt such a wave of deep gratitude to our Father. A year ago only a handful of people lived here, and we could all easily gather around the dinner table together with Miss Kim. As we began to grow, we set new

places at the table; finally we added a second table to accommodate new Family. After we grew beyond twelve we had to begin serving meals buffet style. Even so, today we are bursting out of the dining room altogether.

As I looked that evening at each member, I saw how precious he was to our Father. No one came here except by a road of tears, either in his own life or in the lives of his ancestors, and the Father walked that same way with each one. How wonderful to know those whom He loves so much! What a privilege to have been instruments through which they were led to Him! Each is like a different kind of jewel for which He has paid a high price to add to His great work. We can only be grateful to see what He has accomplished. Here in Washington His hard work is graphically revealed to us.

Thus, we feel in our hearts the great value of the Family to Father and at the same time the responsibility of providing for the needs of such a wonderfully large Family (now twenty-plus) -- in the best possible way with the least possible expenditure of time and money. Equally important, we must put all our resources of time, money and energy to the best possible advantage in our outward mission of expanding our Family. These two big problems began creeping up on us until they finally stared us in the face and demanded -- ORGANIZATION!

At Family meetings, usually held just before Saturday evening Family prayer, we began discussing everything from the management of our several cars to new ideas for reaching people.

In housekeeping, women naturally play the major roles, with brotherly assistance where required. Periodically, we have "Ladies Meetings," where problems in the kitchen, in cleaning, or in general housekeeping are discussed and, naturally, dispatched. We have a cooking schedule arranged where two women are responsible

for cooking each Family meal (dinner every night, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, Sunday lunch). These are rescheduled from time to time (usually when we have a new addition to the Family) so that each one will have the chance to work with many of her sisters, learn from them, and get to know them. Among us are a number of women who have had experience cooking for large families or even whole communities. There have also been those who knew next to nothing about kitchen work. Through working closely together, we share and extend our skills.

Menus are selected a week ahead, and Cindy Efaw does the weekly shopping accordingly. Dishwashing is also scheduled, two men and a woman for each meal -- one for washing, one for drying, and one for picking up, putting away and mopping.

Housecleaning is the province of Nora Martin. Men and women are responsible for cleaning various sections of the main house and the annex, and everyone, of course, takes care of his own room.

A lot of details! Yet we all know from experience that applying ourselves conscientiously to the small, physical tasks of everyday living can help to make us more disciplined and responsible people in our spiritual work. When we remember that we are preparing meals for the Father's Family, how can we withhold our whole hearts from our work? When we realize we are cleaning the house in which the Father hopes to meet His children, how can we be careless?

In our Washington Center there is a tremendous amount of work to be accomplished -- even an endless amount because we are continually undertaking new projects and adding new members. At the same time, of course, we have to acknowledge that there are only twenty-four hours to the day. Yet we find that the more we do, the more we become able to do. The less we withhold from the Father's work -- household, administrative, or teaching -- the more energy we receive, and the more beautiful our work becomes.

So we are only happy, however heavy the responsibility may sometimes seem, to work and grow here in Washington, where we may give every moment eternal meaning.

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Members of our Family not pictured this time include Gio Mathis, Vivien Barron, Alice Van Dyke, and George Norton.

A STAR GOES UP FOR EACH CONTACT



We've a Story to Tell to the Nation

NORA MARTIN

Telling our story to the nations is as long and as wide and as deep as we can allow Father to be in our hearts.

MADE THIS MONTH

Washington Center, therefore, with each new member and each new inspiration, seeks always to open a new door -- another door to another heart. As we share more freely, Principle becomes incorporated into our total life experience, and we discover more and varied ways of sharing it.

Sharing this precious truth has been a growing experience for all of us as we look back on the pattern of progression.

Witnessing begins at home:

Witnessing does begin at home, literally. Inspiration comes; it is shared; plans are made; minds are prepared spiritually and intellectually; and we move!

The Family dining room is the stage for most of this. Picture Farley Jones standing by the window delivering his speech (to be given in Dupont Circle) while the remainder of the Family finishes Sunday morning breakfast -- eyes fixed on him. "You must speak louder," comments Miss Kim; and Farley continues:

Today, I'm going to tell you all about some great news -- tremendous news! -- fantastic news! And what that news is, I'll tell you in a moment.

First -- what is the best thing in life? Eh? What's the greatest thing in the world? Joy? Happiness? Peace of mind? Love? Yes, these are the really good things in life -- but they're part of something greater! GOD! Sure! you accept

the idea of God -- then you must accept Him as the ultimate Good, right? God is. He is the finest thing that is.

Well, sure, this is a fact -- but the problem is that no one knows it. No one knows that the richest experience in life -- and the most permanently rich experience in life, is God. Not knowing this, people head in other directions, toward things which just aren't adequate substitutes. But some people do all right anyway, don't they? I was doing all right. But believe me, it's like eating strawberry shortcake without the whipped cream -- put the whipped cream on, and there is more life -- zest -- satisfaction in it, isn't there? So it is with God. If you get Him into your life, through understanding Him, through knowing Him, your life will be infinitely better.

Now, many of you are probably thinking that what I'm saying doesn't hold up -- that you've tried relating to God, and it hasn't added much to your life. Well, try it again -- but try it a new way. Yes, there is a new way, a better way! A new, even revolutionary approach to God, one that will enable you to make God a bright, beautiful reality in your own life. Yes! One that will enable you to put the whipped cream on the shortcake.

About 25 years ago, a man in the East -- a philosopher and religious leader there -- experienced divine revelations. This is nothing new. Moses had such revelations; Jesus did, too. But with each subsequent revelation, greater truth about God and man is brought to men. With these revelations to the man in the East, man now knows more about God, who He is, what He is, than he has ever known. With a good friend, the more you know about him, the more you can understand him. So the closer you can get to him. The same with God -- through these revelations, we can understand Him and grow closer to Him. Now possible is a complete understanding of God, and of life. Who are we? Why are we? Why history? Why do things happen the way they do?

Well, so what? Who needs to know this? You do! You all do! For your own benefit and satisfaction. The more you understand about a book, or a movie, the more it means to you. So the more you understand about life, the more it



will mean to you and the happier you'll be; once you have the ultimate understanding of life, you'll be on the way to leading the fullest, richest life possible. You'll be on the road toward achieving perfection -- which state we're all meant to achieve -- and all will achieve! (Yes, everyone!) Come to our public lecture. We can tell you all about it, more deeply. Our group is called the Unified Family. Come!

For Saturday evening entertainment, who needs to go out when spontaneous door-to-door witness practice affords opportunity for a combination of wit and sincerity. Tune in and hear Sylvia's serious voice stating her purposes to the lady behind the door (who happens to be Gio), "Have you heard of the God is Dead movement? Well, we're from the other side." Sylvia joins the peals of laughter when she suddenly envisions herself as a spirit from the other side of Jordan!

Writing dialogues for a play depicting the discrepancy between the real and the ideal brings out the uniqueness of each personality, while practicing for it brings out still another side. Poor Hillie, the disillusioned lover, changed personalities each time she discussed marriage with another substitute hero (Family members had a hard time making themselves available for practice).

And so it goes. In this important and urgent day there is a time for sincerity, for labor, for planning, and for laughing; but always with efficiency! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand and there is no room for idleness.

Forth in His Name

"Today is going to be a great day!" "What kind of a day?" "A great day!"

Unison voices promise Father and each other that we will do our part as we stand in a circle praying for Father's wisdom in seeking His children. Like an army, we march forward reinforced by the great sense of spirituality multiplied by each one's effort and love.

Sunday afternoons for the past five months have been times when the whole Family joins in the witnessing campaign. Spirit and unity seem to reach the peak on these afternoons. As Neil says, "It's such a great feeling to walk the streets and feel the presence and power of brothers and sisters in the next block. We're like a wave passing over the area."

"I will make you fishers of men."

As you have already guessed, fishing in the D. C. Ocean has taken varied forms. These include sharing individually with people while on the job, attending meetings, stopping people on the streets, and passing little messages on the bus, as well as



TO
THE
FOUNTAIN!

in some more creative, structured, and well-planned programs. Consequently, we have gone through an evolutionary process of successes and failures, hopefully emerging as wiser, more polished, and more confident and aggressive fishers of men.

Public Speaking

During the summer months Dupont Circle (the local hippie haven) became the usual Sunday afternoon speaking arena for "that Unified Family from 'S' Street." At first members wrote and memorized three- to five-minute speeches introducing the Divine Principle from various viewpoints. Turn your attention to Walter as he runs up to the Circle fountain, his voice booming: "Come out, come out, you people!" Or as Sylvia pleads, "People of the twentieth century, your attention is necessary. There is a war on!" Or as Becky pointedly states, "This is your city! This is your country! This is your world!"



COME OUT, COME OUT!



PEOPLE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY!



THIS IS YOUR WORLD!

Thus, each Sunday about four members speak in succession, inviting those who are concerned to join the Family in group discussion or hear lectures. Some people listened, some sneered; others shook their heads as if to say, "What a shame—such fine young people." And there were those who came to hear more.

No one but us would have guessed that these young people who spoke with such conviction and authority may have really been quaking in their boots. What but the Divine Principle could have brought many of us to speak in public in a park?

As we "loosened up" a bit, members began speaking spontaneously. More people listened. Then we began singing as a group before we spoke. Even more people listened. Finally, while some Family members held illustrative charts, Philip gave a simplified first chapter and captured a large, curious audience. The content of the speeches combined with the zest of the speakers aroused the cur-

iosity of nearly everyone—from tourists to little old ladies who came to see what a hippie looked like. One attractive young tourist from Switzerland came because she thought we were "fanatics". After hearing Principle and spending every evening one week with us, she asked, "If I were staying in America, could I move in?" The next day she was headed for New York and then back to Switzerland—with a study course in her bag.

Others, like Beverly and Jim, fine Christians, were struck by the sincerity of the speakers. They came to hear the Principle and are now wondering how to communicate the good news to others.

Many have come and gone. We present the truth; some recognize it and commit themselves, others recognize it but choose



THE HEAVENLY CHOIR

not to commit themselves, and some reject it.

Door-to-door Witnessing

As the days grew colder and the crowds in the parks sparser, a new witnessing strategy was in the making. Now each Sunday finds us marching out of the Center, dividing up into cars and going off to the area where we pair off to visit the homes in that part of town.

Twenty people can contact approximately 200 homes in one Sunday afternoon. Rain or shine, out we go. One lady commented, "This must be worth hearing if you go out on a miserable, rainy day to tell me about it."

Door-to-door witnessing is teaching us on-the-spot approaches to every type of person. We feel that we are laying a foundation for reaching the more settled middle-class families. Certainly they are not as excited about a new philosophy or religion as are the searching youth. So, by trial and error, we seek for methods of letting them know we are not Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormon missionaries on the one hand or a fly-by-night group of kids on the other. Thus we've added to our list of contacts philosophers, authors, professors, newspaper editors, and housewives.



ANNE and MARSHALL ||

Publicity:

The written word is another means of communicating the Principle. We cannot measure its impact at this point. The George Washington University paper carried the good news:

AT LAST!
Ultimate Truth Has Come

CALL
Farley or Sylvia

Farley and Sylvia were subsequently quite popular.

Farley's creative mind and Ken's printing skill produced posters which were placed on bulletin boards around the D. C. area, including American University, Georgetown University, and the University of Maryland.*

Most of you have seen our new invitations. They have become extremely helpful in almost every type of witnessing.

*Centers will be receiving more poster information by Lightning Flashes.

Universities:

Speaking in universities in the area has opened up new avenues. Philip gave several lectures at the Free University held at American University. Everywhere there are doors waiting to be opened. Students and young working people are our most fertile soil at this point.

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The pattern of progression is meaningful only as we compare ourselves and our techniques with earlier attempts. It is our prayer that all across America all people will come to a deep relationship with our True Parents through those who are willing to serve as channels by creatively using all potential in His service. On we go—until that day when we can all sing together: "Oh, Glorious Eden, Garden of Delight!"



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LINNA MILLER
Art and Photography

CREDITS



KEN POPE
Printing

Far
and near
the fields are teeming



SYLVIA ROGND AHL

Greetings, dear Family!

All I can say is that this seems like a relay race, and it's my turn with the baton. Well, here goes!

In the race for the answer to the endless question: How can we reach more people? there are many answers in the running. We thought of initiating a speaking program before various groups in Washington but reconsidered, wondering what we could say that would be dynamic and informative without being too revealing. An idea came -- that perhaps we should arouse the questions in our audience rather than offering answers prematurely. A play seemed most tactful.

With discussion the idea evolved further. How could we cause people to admit their dissatisfaction with life? We thought perhaps a series of short dialogues could show the gap between the world as it is and the ideal. We decided to use an uninvolved bystanding figure, whom we call "the Cutter," to speak for the ideal. His role was to break into the dialogues when it became obvious that communication was breaking down or that those speaking were disillusioned. He was something like a Jiminy Cricket, who would set the sights of the people on the ideal. Following his unacknowledged interruption, the dialogues resumed on a new note of inquiry.

The four dialogues which we portrayed were between two lovers contemplating marriage; an enthusiastic Peace Corps Volunteer and a weathered returnee; a father and son; and a minister of the social gospel and his friend who left the Church. A different member wrote each dialogue.

In this space it's futile to do anything more than give you a sample of the play. Here is the line preceding the cut, the cut itself, and the following line in the minister's dialogue.

MINISTER: It's true. But I'm no fuming fundamentalist. After all, haven't we outgrown that sort of thing? We have to be more subtle nowadays, like with our jazz group. It's more human that way. In fact, this is the way it is today. The time has come to look to man. If something is to be done, man has to do it. For all practical purposes, God is dead. I believe in using the Church's resources to bring about political reform and social action, and to make people aware.



Carl Rapkins, Author

CUT (Handled by main speakers as though there is a pause in their conversation.)

CUTTER: Why are all our efforts horizontal? Shouldn't there be concern with the vertical? With God? What happened to the Kingdom of Heaven Jesus spoke of?

END OF CUT

FORMER PARISHIONER: Hey, you're serious! You're really serious! Now I've seen everything. I only wish I shared your optimism, Carl. Don't you see that the Church is losing its lead? Instead of bringing people to a higher level, the Church is trying to operate on their level.

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Five groups in the area were contacted. We offered to present the play for their programs. None responded to our letters, but we did perform the play at a local coffee house. In the future, since it doesn't seem suited for an unselected audience, we want to use it as an opener for discussions at the Center.

Next!





We
 heed,
 O Lord,
 thy summons, and answer
 "Here are we!"

MATERIALISM REVISITED

by
 Neil Salonen

The spirit man becomes vital as his physical body completely obeys it and as the action of give and take is fully performed between them. (The Divine Principles, page 20.)

Perfected men are to be the media of conjunction between the physical and spiritual worlds, in this way becoming lords over all creation. Accordingly, in the process of restoring ourselves to the Father, we must be careful not to become unbalanced in the direction of either physical or spiritual things, but rather coordinate the two with wisdom, as our perfection would demand.

Our rate of growth as the Universal Family obviously depends on many factors. One of the most outstanding of these is the speed and efficiency with which we can amass sufficient material resources to serve as a vehicle for our individual and group evangelistic missions. Without historical precedent, America has been materially blessed among nations. We are not only the most prosperous people of any time, but we have used that prosperity to spread American influence to every corner of the globe. We have been carefully prepared, and are the most logical choice to assume a mission of John the Baptist to the nation of priests.

Although great wealth and resources are given to our nation, we are still faced with the very real problem of bringing them under Father's control -- in effect, subjugating their present comptroller and reclaiming them. This type of work is most effectively carried out by a group of people -- the greater the number, the better. Being a large Center, and especially as a headquarters, Washington Family has had some unique experiences which I would like to share with you.

One source of group income comes from donations out of the individual incomes of its members and patrons. Depending upon how frugal those contributors are, this

can be considerably more than the normal administrative costs, but it can never really approach the amount needed for a truly massive effort. As a group, we have found that we can multiply our efforts through cooperation in projects -- such as bazaars and parties. Anne Furnas has been particularly active in this type of affair. Our experience has been that, although such projects earn a nice sum of money, it never seems to fully compensate for the many long hours of work by such a large number of people.

The eventual answer must lie in our own business, which would be entirely under our control, like the factory owned by our Family in Korea. Most business enterprises require an investment -- the least of which would be in any sales organization. There are various outfits for whom we could act as distributors where the investment is minimal and the potential for earnings is limited only by our ability to persevere. It is to our advantage to be constantly looking for such opportunities so that we can prepare sufficient funds to enter a more stable industry, such as printing or publishing, or even intermediate investment programs, such as real estate.

We may be helpful to each other by sharing our experiences -- both good and bad -- through this newsletter. One of the immediate problems that comes to mind is that of suitable facilities for group affairs. Our diligent Anne overcame this in one case by lining up the function room at the YMCA at no charge; right now she's working on a similar situation at a downtown hotel where the cost is minimal. Often, including charity efforts such as clothing drives has persuaded the management to reduce their charges. The only limitations, therefore, are set by how willing we are to tackle the situation and make the necessary contacts. Naturally, we can expect rejections -- but isn't this the same with our spiritual activity? The only real failure will result if we fail to keep trying.

Nor should size be a problem -- not if we truly use our ingenuity. Cannot the women hold bake sales, or run nurseries -- or anything? Here in Washington both men and women have tried various projects. Even though we haven't struck our "gold mine" yet, what should be our inability to quit guarantees our success.

No other people are so clearly in a position to develop a strong financial base with relative ease. While many nations are limited in potential, in America the price has always been one that should be easy for our members to pay, in light of our motivation -- hard work and consistent effort. Let every one of us make or renew a pledge to pay that price and successfully expedite our Leader's mission through action, as well as prayer, in the preparation of a physical vehicle as well as a spiritual base.

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AMEN

by
Hillie Smith

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)



The Word -- the physical manifestation of God's nature, the divine ideal of creation. Everything in creation, man and nature, reflects our Creator. The common base between Creator and creation should be so complete that the reciprocal action of give and take between them makes the two, one.

With the fall, the relationship between God and His creation was shattered. This tragedy echoed through every relationship in the world: man and the universe, man and man, man and woman, spirit and body. We have been separated from God, nature and each other, and have experienced the internal struggle between our own spirit and body.

Now we are in the process of restoring these relationships, allowing the spirit of God to interpenetrate and unify all things. Since we have God's truth, it is our privilege to cooperate with Him as He works to bring the reality of His Kingdom in heaven and earth, to make them one. How do we go about this? We have heard and accepted that Christ is on earth. With that glorious news, and through the teachings which our Leader brings, our very natures have been changed, and our view of goals drastically refocused. We cannot allow ourselves to relax in the spiritual joy of our new realizations. (In fact, we know from our experience that this is impossible.) We must be aware enough, mature enough, responsible enough, loving enough to take Satan's world by the horns and make it Father's. We must be realistic, shrewd, and deeply committed to organizing each day to squeeze the maximum benefit for God out of it. Each moment must count in pushing the enemy back and advancing the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus accomplished spiritual salvation for man. So where is Satan making his last determined stand? He claims boldly the physical world -- including our own bodies. And he uses the conflict between spirit and body caused by the fall to corrupt even our spirits. Therefore, we "can will what is right but cannot do it." God's cause is not advanced, and our growth is stunted.

How can we overcome the separation of our body and spirit and re-establish the circuit of positive give and take between them? Through the truth we are able to become one with ourselves and with other Family members in a unified effort to take the physical world as well as the spiritual world for God. We can understand through the Principle

that the spiritual and physical worlds are one beautiful world through which the spirit of God moves. In the ideal world, we experience the reality of God's presence in all that we are and all that we do. We become the media of conjunction between the spiritual and physical worlds. This ideal should serve as our guide while we are struggling to overcome Satan in the world and in our lives. We must strongly discipline our thinking as well as our activities to align ourselves with His ideal.

Nothing that exists is ours. This entire universe belongs to God. Knowing this, we are free from attachment and fear of loss. If we are able to make this truth part of our daily lives, we have the capacity to let God's possessions and money pass through our hands and through our lives and to use them wisely and rationally to His best advantage. In the New Age will there not be a reverence for everything in God's creation? All things reflect His nature. We must handle all things in our spiritual and physical lives accordingly.

In living out this truth, we should keep in mind that time, energy, material possessions -- all come from God. All belong to God. But we as fallen and rebellious children have claimed everything for ourselves and have shown this in many ways in our daily lives. We are jealously possessive, afraid that if we are not vigilant, all will slip away from us. In relinquishing our claim and surrendering these gifts unconditionally to God, we inherit the earth, because we are the children of the One in whose hands it rests. In using His money (for instance) wisely, I should think that part of the wisdom would be channeling some of it back into our lives so that we and our surroundings are adequate, unpretentious representatives of Him. With any extra income, can we not be wise-as-serpents investors in His Kingdom? Can any broker offer us better, surer, more valuable stock? Our Family members are shareholders in the Kingdom of Heaven -- a joy, a privilege, a responsibility.

We in the Washington Family have thought and thought, trying to expand and organize our plans to include solid fund-raising projects -- for we realize that only an ample financial foundation will give us the power and freedom to move as fast and as far as is absolutely necessary at this time. We have been given minds and hands with which to work, and now we must find a way to discipline our lives and channel all of our energy toward the great building of the Kingdom. With far-sightedness, we must look at the talents of the present and plan a way to double and triple them a hundred times over. In the New Testament Age, one denied the flesh and material possessions as evil. Now Satan has no right to claim this aspect of Father's world, and we will not allow him any room.

We are co-workers and co-planners with God. Let us rise to this occasion with a mature and responsible desire to represent Him fully in our spiritual and physical lives. It does not seem to be enough just to offer Him the little, if any, we do not need out of our month's pay check. If we really reflect Him we can be creative, and inventive in seeing how we can increase and multiply what we have to invest in this one great

common goal. The same thing is true of our spiritual lives in this dispensation -- What a privilege! -- we are not merely to passively surrender our hearts and possessions to God without fully understanding His purpose; we are told the secrets of the universe and then we are asked to be strong, aggressive helpmates of the One who has been working for our cause since the beginning of time. In declaring that we own nothing, we own all, because we dwell as free sons with the true Owner of all. We are His Word made flesh.

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SANDY SINGLETON



From darkness, from light, from ever-kept promise
 To never-constant images I was born,
 And rounded, perfected, made whole through beads of sweat,
 And purged by a waterfall of tears. Up the stony mountain I crept,
 Each step drawing blood from my prayer-worn knees.
 Red orbs of vision, blurred and ever swollen,
 I swatted at the night-birds that threatened my life.
 Up I crept, toward a single stroke of light
 That seemed to draw away as I came nearer,
 And every day I came nearer I went farther,
 And every step was pain and mocking and empty laughter and
 derision from void minds and empty hearts
 Until the light came. And I found the meadow at the mountain peak
 Where the rolling grasses ripple and the rivulets rush
 To meet at last their subduer.



Celestial fruits
 on earthly ground
 from faith and hope may grow.

CINDY EFAW

What's it like to feed over two dozen people? Well, this is my main problem; for I, being the Budget Management Expert for the Purchase of Edible Commodities for the Unified Family of Washington, D. C., am daily confronted by it.

Not only is weekly and daily shopping necessary, but trips to the discount grocery supply headquarters must also be included in this routine. After my job is finished, there is yet cooking and cleaning up, which is experienced equally among us "objects." But, back to business! Lest I appear disorganized, I shall elaborate upon the roles of three key Experts, the Shopper, the Cook, and the Dishwasher, respectively, and the Principles by which they live.

The Shopper may be envisioned as a carrier of a bulging money-purse and a yard-long shopping list. She cleverly wheels the cart down crowded aisles, peeping at prices in search of a bargain. Items such as peanut butter, bread, jelly, and bananas are purchased in large quantities for hungry snackers, who use calorie after calorie of energy witnessing.

At the fresh vegetable section, the Shopper grabs green onions, garlic, cabbage, ginger, etc., for the monthly batch of that powerfully dynamic Korean relish, Kimchi. She tosses eight dozen eggs into the cart (enough for the weekend), ten loaves of bread, three dozen apples, and fifty packages of frozen vegetables. In the checkout line, the Shopper peers at the cashier while he stares aghast at the several cartfuls, then proceeds to produce a four-foot long sales slip. The Shopper and her grocery boy then load the VW with ten to fifteen large bags. The Shopper drives to the Japanese store, loads a fifty-pound bag of rice and a gallon can of soya sauce on the remaining bumper, and drives home through a peace march on the Pentagon.

As our exhausted Shopper arrives at the Family Center, she transfers the goods to our second key Expert, the Cook. The Cook stands in a white starched apron awaiting the Shopper. She waves her wooden spoon from the kitchen window in greeting. While the Shopper is an efficiency expert regarding prices, our friend the Cook is an expert in preparing food efficiently and tastily. She places six chickens in a roaster and thereby fills the oven. Two pots of rice go on the stove and ten packages of lima beans into a kettle of boiling water. Of course, all dishes





are finished precisely at six o'clock dinner hour when the Cook rings the bell to gather the Family together for this sumptuous feast. The Family members serve themselves buffet style and dine amid conversation, either merry or serious and thought-provoking. Coffee and tea follow dinner, and Family break up into two's and three's to chat -- when the Dishwasher comes into the picture.

Remember our Shopper specializes in saving money and our Cook in saving food and vitamins. Now, our Dishwasher must be efficient by saving soap, water, and time. Her rule is, "Maximum cleanliness for minimum man-hours." Each diner scrapes his own dishes and places them in the proper position. If a dish leaves its position, it can result in painful punishment for the culprit. Even the men have become faithful when it comes to scraping plates. The Dishwasher fills her washing pan and rinse pan with hot soapy water and hot unsoapy water, respectively. She then moves like lightning flashing up and down the kitchen from one end to the other. Before it has been realized by on-lookers (if any dare), the dishes are sparkling. The Dishwasher mops the floor and heads off for the evening's teaching or witnessing.

This concludes our journey into the world of the three key Experts in the efficient and practical care of our physical bodies. Without them, nothing would be possible. If you

are yet unable to comprehend the enormity and complexity of the preceding tasks, then the Shopper, the Cook, and the Dishwasher each invite you to attempt their jobs for a short period and get some real give and take in the form of first-hand experience. We'll be eagerly awaiting volunteers!

Take My Life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.



TESTIMONIES

MARSHALL FROTHINGHAM

I first met the Divine Principle in February when my cousin happened to recognize me at a church coffee hour. This would not be so surprising except that we had had no contact with each other for years and she recognized me only because of snapshots in a family album.

At the time I was attending meetings of "Sing-Out, Washington" (affiliated with Moral Re-Armament), and because of the spirit and enthusiasm of the people in it and the songs they sang, I really felt that "Sing-Out" could provide an answer, or at least a part of the answer, to man's problems. In their songs and speeches, the members said theirs was an ideology superior to those advocated by bigots, dictators, and Communists because MRA's advocated liberty, equality and fraternity for all mankind (though not in those exact words). My only objection was that they rarely gave any credit to, or even made mention of, the Father. For this reason I worked in MRA and attended church, hoping the combination would prove to be effective.

Then when I met the Family, I saw it at first only as another group like the MRA, and tried to combine the three. (Later I joined the Civil Air Patrol, and for a couple of months I don't know how I ever kept track of all the different meetings I was supposed to attend.) Unfortunately, it took me a long time to grasp the extent of the difference and to realize how much more the Divine Principle had to offer and how important it was that everyone spread the teachings of the Principle in whatever ways possible.

This, then, is what I feel our job is: To understand the Principle so well that all our thoughts and actions are directed toward bringing all mankind into the proper relationship with the Father, with themselves, and with the rest of the universe.

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♪♪ Take my hands and let them move ♪♪
at the impulse of thy love.

GEORGE EDWARDS



Dear brothers and sisters:

I came into Principle from the Catholic Church. There I had occasionally felt a nearness to God and some knowledge of Him. But there were many things I had to accept on faith alone, especially about the nature of God, our relation to Him, and the mission and achievements of Christ. Because I did have an intuitive belief in God derived from what I can only call "feeling" that there had to be a God, I stayed in the Church and prayed for an explanation of the immoral and unchristian character the modern world had assumed.

This was my approximate position in relation to God when I first confronted Principle. The older members of the Unified Family in America may be glad to read that their efforts have been rewarded spectacularly. A new member's confrontation with the Principle is no longer always fraught with disaster and all the kinds of delays that keep new prospects from attending lectures. My experience was notable for its unusual uneventfulness.

Of course there were quite a number of spiritual changes in me while I was first learning the Principle. But for the most part I felt a strong attraction toward the Principle and the give and take at dinnertimes. In retrospect, it seems as though spiritual forces were working overtime to make my acceptance of Principle a comparatively painless experience. For me, entering the Unified Family Movement was the only thing I could do. There was no choice involved. I had found the truth. Now it was time to live it.

The easy time I and some other recent members have had is a sign to me that many of you early trail-blazers have suffered an awful lot of indemnity (even beyond what I've heard about "the old days"). To be perfectly honest, I am somewhat envious of the spiritual benefits you have accumulated in making mine a less troublesome route to follow. At the same time, I am aware that I could not have established such a solid foundation for the works of our Family in America as you have. With this beautiful spiritual base to work from, the enormous task ahead of us in America will be achieved. May we all be ever conscious of our goal and the importance of our success.

In the Name of our True Parents.

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GLEND A MOODY



My beloved Family,



As a child I thought my life was being directed by some unknown force. I did not realize or comprehend this force until my senior year in high school. The summer before I entered college, God came to me in a really conscious yet ambiguous way. The summer ended, and my eyes focused down a new path of life.

That year in Nampa, Idaho, at Northwest Nazarene College, I experienced one of the deepest experiences of loneliness and troublous times in my life.

One day while shopping, I walked into a store and was led over to a place where there were framed pictures. There was one picture that touched the deepest part of my soul. It showed just the head of Jesus. The picture itself was cast in a black shadow. Upon his head were the thorns of glory; you could see the blood trickling down his forehead. But the thing that touched me the most was that I could see a tear that ran down his face and came to rest upon his cheek. Seeing his eyes closed, I felt a burden upon myself to the extent that I cried in the store. I bought the picture and carried it back to my room. I thought to myself many times that my suffering was little compared to the burdens of the world that he carried upon his shoulders. But in my soul and mind, I thought, Would I ever find true happiness?

Within a week, I went to a Methodist church in Boise, Idaho. The minister spoke a sermon I will never forget, "Know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." For some unknown reason, all through the sermon, I cried. When the school year ended, I felt that I had to get away from the Nazarene College because I seemed to have changed spiritually. But in September I went to another Nazarene college -- this time in Bethany, Oklahoma.

While on my three-day trip to Oklahoma, I sat back and asked myself, "Why am I going to Oklahoma, where I have no friends or family?" I could remember seeing my mother's tears when she said good-bye and said to me, "Why do you have to go off to college in Oklahoma when there are good colleges you can go to in Oregon?" I had no answer for her. All I knew was that this unknown force I know now was God was pushing me there. While on the train I thought I was like Abraham being pulled out of Ur. I thought God had a particular reason for me to go.

When I arrived I was told that I had to live off campus because the dorms were full. Next to the apartment where I lived was a restaurant where I met Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicks. They didn't mention the Principle until about a month later. On September 29, 1965, I walked into the restaurant and overheard Betty Hicks talking

about a particular event in 1960. I wanted to know more about it, so that night they invited me over to their house and gave me the first chapter. The night before Children's Day, 1965, I learned who our Leader was, and I was numb with excitement. Then and there I came under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks for the next two years. My first year in the Principle was a glorious and happy one. I witnessed and taught a great deal on the Nazarene campus until I was expelled for my religious beliefs.

Now that I am living in the Center in Washington, I can see the pain and sorrow and inner turmoil of the two Nazarene colleges were cutting the pathway for my acceptance of the Principle.

I thank God for the privilege of being able to live with Miss Kim. Through my experience here in D. C., I have come to realize the unselfishness and sacrifice with which Miss Kim has paid for America. We must follow her path of sacrifice for the nation, for the world and its people.

The dream of mine is to be able to give to my Father for what He has given to me and to serve Him with the wisdom of the serpent and the gentleness of the dove. Thank you, Family and Miss Kim, for giving me a new life.

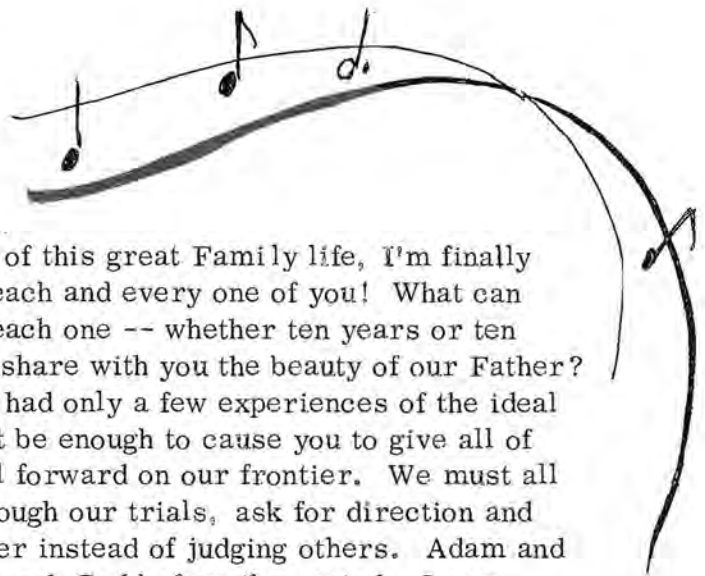
Love, in the Name of our Mother and Father.



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ANNE FURNAS

Hello, Family!



After three years of this great Family life, I'm finally going to write to each and every one of you! What can I possibly say to each one -- whether ten years or ten minutes old -- to share with you the beauty of our Father? I know many have had only a few experiences of the ideal world, but it must be enough to cause you to give all of your power to pull forward on our frontier. We must all stick together through our trials, ask for direction and listen to our Father instead of judging others. Adam and Eve didn't think to ask God before they acted. I pray that all of us will work together and help each other climb the ladder to a unified world.

I'm a country girl of twenty-two now. I loved the wide open spaces. I had a hard childhood; my mother died when I was nine. When something ends, though, something

begins and at nine my life really started. I've had many spiritual experiences, and I surely know that Father has led me for so long. How He has prepared my eyes and ears for our True Father and Mother! How many tears each one has given our Father! We must go on now and give our 95% to the people of the world. We must give our tears for them.

Seeing our Leader and being under Miss Kim's guidance has been truly a Kingdom of Heaven on earth for me. I'm sure many were as stubborn as I am, but I'm going to use this trait to conquer the frontier for our Father. It is my earnest prayer that we work, work, work to bring our beloved Father some joy. Monsay!

With one heart in our True Parents.



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ALBERT MEIGHEN

When I first heard the Principle at this season two years ago, I realized in a short time that this was what I had been living for, hoping for, and praying for.

All during my life I felt as though I were someone watching life but never really in it; life bored me, people bored me with their small lives, and most of all I bored myself in this existence of non-interest. I knew there was a God, but I knew that one needed a deep relationship with people along with a deep relationship with God. I was ever searching for people with concern. Concern for God and man.

I knew by helping my fellow man the best way I could, I would be able to help God, but I had reached the point that I could only help, I thought, by growing closer to God myself and by being an example; but that was proving very unsatisfactory.

After a period of three years of not being able to feel the presence of God, I heard the Principle; and in about a month and a half I knew that the Principle was true by both my mind and heart. All the time I am shown that this is the only way to bring harmony and unity to the creation with the Father at the center.

When you hear the Principle and accept them and start the process of living them, your whole life undergoes a complete change. You must start thinking about everything you do. You must decide what is the Father's desire and what is not His desire and judge every act in this light. Discard what is not His will, keep what is His will,

and bring into your life what is His will for you -- how you can best bring about unity and harmony in the creation with the Father at the center of each and every action.

Living the Principle gives your life the most ultimate purpose and use. It is not an easy life, but it is most rewarding. Each and every one of us can be very useful. When things get difficult, grit your teeth and hold on. It is the most important work in the world we are doing. It will take persistence, but it can be done. And we are going to do it.



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GORDON ROSS

(A five-year testimony, Part One)

Dear Family,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you in writing some of the important experiences of life that our heavenly Father has led me through during my five years in our Unified Family.

In August, 1962, Pauline Phillips and Peter Koch met me at the Lutheran Student Center in Berkeley, California. At the time I was a graduate student in linguistics at the University of California and also an active

Lutheran. My interest in Lutheran activities stems from a renewal of faith in the junior and senior years of high school. Throughout my undergraduate years at college, I had been active in the Student Center, had worked at several Lutheran summer camps, and had attended a number of Lutheran youth meetings or ashrams, as well as the meeting of the Lutheran World Federation in 1957. After graduating in 1958, I served for two years on board an aircraft carrier -- the Bennington -- based in San Diego, California. During those two years, God "called" me to an active service as a minister of the Lutheran Church. Often, during that lonely period, I would pray and study and meditate on the Bible in order to prepare for seminary. I felt very close to God then and would feel the comforting, strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit. The ship sailed to various areas in the Pacific (Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines), and the wretched life of most of the people in these countries made a deep impression.

My heart broke as I saw many in Japan lying on the street, sleeping, covered with old newspapers, or, in Hong Kong, living in tarpaper shacks or on small boats. The misery of their lives is incredible! I felt I must do something for them, something of value,

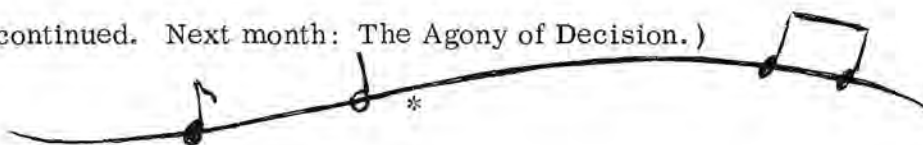
something for eternity.

After my tour of duty was ended, I enrolled in Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary at Berkeley. Now, I thought, will come the spiritual training and communion I have longed for! Unfortunately -- or so I thought at the time -- this was not true. The academic studies were interesting, but the spiritual life that quickens and renews, that fills you with zeal for Christ, was not to be found! I thought, "What's going on? Where's the beautiful spiritual communion of saints I had dreamed about so often in the Navy and had read of in many Catholic books on 'the spiritual life'?" No processions from class to class singing Gregorian chants. No deep prayer sessions. Few spiritual retreats. I thought, "Is seminary life all book knowledge?" Many nights I yearned for the closeness of Father, aching with loneliness, singing to Him, as I walked the streets of Berkeley at night. My distress and restlessness grew. That He had led me to the seminary at Berkeley I was absolutely certain -- but for what reason? I was disturbed also by the fact that I would have to serve three years in a parish before being allowed to work for an advanced degree in theology and teach in a seminary. I had always felt the urge to teach.

This conflict lasted several months. Finally I made a decision! I would leave the seminary temporarily and return to the University of California. In the secular university atmosphere, Father would show me definitely if I really was suited for seminary life and the professional ministry. However, no inspiration came. I renewed ties with the Lutheran Student Center and became active in various campus ecumenical groups. I waited. God will show me; this I knew. "Just be patient." But that's hard! For me, at least.

The study of linguistics at Cal was interesting but not absorbing. Something kept pulling my heart to the seminary, but I knew that as yet the solution to this turmoil in me did not lie at the seminary. I thought to myself, "The life at seminary is so limiting; I want to work in a broader field, one that encompasses the whole Christian Church, and even beyond!" Little did I know what Father had "up His sleeve"!

(To be continued. Next month: The Agony of Decision.)



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