

When True Mother came to Vienna last year, it changed everything

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Good afternoon, everybody! I have to say you look a little bit tired and I don't blame you. So, I want to ask you to please stand up and shake the hands of the person behind you and in front of you and tell them, Happy anniversary! I'm glad you came, and then sit down. Do it quick! Okay, that's better. Please be seated.

Good afternoon once again. Let me begin with a question: How many of you have never been to Europe? Raise your hand if you've never been to Europe. Oh, my goodness! You are invited. You're invited to come to Europe. [Cheers; applause] I didn't say I'd pay for it, but I will take care of you.

One year ago, we celebrated True Parents' Holy Wedding anniversary by going on a cruise on the Blue Danube River. We had a wonderful time. In fact, I remember Hoonsook nim doing a waltz on the Blue Danube. It was very inspiring. True Mother enjoyed the history and the culture and the taste of Europe.

Put on course

I have to say that when True Mother came to Vienna last year, it changed everything. Before that, some people said that Europe was asleep, but not anymore. When True Mother came, she brought the breath of life, of hope and victory to Europe. In this last year, our blessing and tribal messiah activity has increased more than ten times. We also have dozens of new heavenly tribal messiah victors and we'll have hundreds this year. I want to take a moment to thank and appreciation Dr. Chong-shik Yong of heavenly Asia, because it was his invitation to our leaders to come to Thailand to see how they are doing it there and our Russian members to come to Cambodia that broke our concepts. Before that we thought we couldn't do it, but after we saw the victory in Asia, we know that we could do it too. So, thank you, Dr. Yong and your team.

We also have launched the heavenly Cheonbo Chung Pyung providence. All over Europe, people are liberating their ancestors and not only that they are meeting the spirit of the living God. True Mother often says that we cannot restore nations by human power alone and that is true. But where do we get heavenly power? It comes from our Heavenly Parent, from True Father in the spirit world and of course from our ancestors and forebears. I want to thank the Chung Pyung team, especially Rev. Ki-seong Lee for coming to Europe and helping to launch the Cheonbo Chung Pyung providence. Thank you so much our older brother and sister.

Young members contributions

Also, right now, we have twelve youth witnessing teams active. We haven't had twelve teams active in a long time. I particularly want to mention the STF [Special Task Force]. Last year, they went to Africa and they worked with True Mother in that most-important Africa rally. When you think of STF in Europe, you probably think that everybody is British and German and French, but we actually have eight people from Korea. We have nine from Japan. We have eleven from the United States. We have seven from South America. So, my fellow regional chairs, thank you. Please continue to send your young people to Europe. We will educate them well. They are doing well.

Significant developments

Another breakthrough, in Geneva, you may have heard of the World Council of Churches. It was created to be almost like the Vatican for the Protestant churches. Unfortunately for many years they were strongly opposing the Unification movement. They wouldn't even let True Father speak in their ecumenical

chapel, to their undying shame. But last year, they finally sent one of their representatives to one of our UPF programs and next month the president of the World Council of Churches is coming to officially partner with UPF in Europe. This is a big deal for a breakthrough with Christianity in Europe.

I want to thank Dr. Thomas Walsh, whom I see here, for the great work of UPF, especially in Vienna at the United Nations Office there. UPF has become the leading NGO, with many programs there in Geneva and Vienna. The UN itself recognized one recent program on the Horn of Africa for being a key contribution to peace in Africa.

You know, our True Mother told us that Europe has a sad history in Africa, and it's true. We must do everything we can to restore that past and bring a new hope, so I am so grateful for the work of UPF.

A focal point

Let me speak briefly about Albania. That's where I'd like you to come when you visit Europe, because there is a new stadium they are building in Tirana. I can tell you there are seats for everybody. Please come to see True Mother speak and give the national-level blessing here in Albania.

Last month, we had a preparatory seminar in Albania. We had eight former heads of state come to our meeting to indicate their support for True Mother, including former presidents of Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Bosnia and more. The interesting thing was that when the meeting was over, they wrote a personal letter to True Mother, inviting Mother to come to Albania to bring the blessing and the work of national restoration. We are confident that Albania is ready to receive the blessing of the living God. In fact, every city in Albania, sixty- one cities, all have a UPF Peace Council and all members of those Peace Council are in the process of receiving the blessing and are getting ready to come to Tirana for the national- level blessing.

Importing and localizing success

We want to follow the great example we saw in Nepal last year, where representatives of the whole nation came. So, thank you, Ethnak Dhakal and the team from Asia. You're showing us the effective, suitable way to restore a nation, even when it's not a Christian nation. Albania is a Muslim nation and the whole nation is watching closely.

Other areas of Europe

We're also doing programs throughout the major capitals of Europe, in the parliaments of London and Paris. Another big event coming up is the inauguration of the Hyo Jeong Academy in Berlin. It's thirty years now since the great Berlin CARP convention. A couple of years ago, Yeon Ah nim came with her family to see the sites of Hyo Jin nim's great victory. In June we will have an amazing seminar there. I want to thank Dr. Jin-seong Bae and the Hyo Jeong Academy team. We still have room if you'd like to come to Germany. You don't have to speak German; the conference will be in English.

We are planning an event in UNESCO in Paris in the Fall. I can say that overall, we are making inroads at the highest level in European society, but I want to finish by telling you that there are signs at last of peace and development in Middle East.

Recently we had two especially important people come to attend True Parents. Mr. Hilik Bar, the deputy speaker of the Israeli Knesset, came to Los Angeles and attended Mother's event in a Christian church. I asked him, "Are you ready to hear Christian evangelism?" He said, "Yes. Christians are the biggest supporters of Israel. I'm happy to come and I'm always happy to hear True Mother speak." Dalia Itzik is a former president of Israel. These are two great supporters in Israel.

Meanwhile, in Morocco, where we have no members at all, somehow by the grace of God and True Parents, the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House have decided they want to make a partnership with the Universal Peace Federation. We have many other leading supporters. In February, the Parliament of Morocco sent eight people -- at their own expense -- here, to Korea, to check out the World Summit and they loved what they saw. They want UPF to come to Morocco and to make it the ideology of Morocco. We also have connections in Iran, of all places, and in Bahrain and in the United Arab Emirates.

So even where the traditional work is not possible, God is opening doors. I can tell you that True Parents are going to restore the nations of Europe and the Middle East. We have seventy- two nations. Don't just sit there! Come, and be part of it. Thank you very much.