

**It is exactly 100 days until True Mother returns to Europe**  
Michael and Fumiko Balcomb - July 17, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Europe and the Middle East!

Today is July 17, 2019 and I feel it is a very auspicious and blessed day.

- It is exactly 100 days until True Mother returns to Europe for the long-awaited European Summit and National Blessing in Albania October 25-27, and,
- It is exactly one month until the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension on August 17; and, on a personal note,
- It is also exactly two years since True Mother appointed Fumiko and me to this mission in Heavenly Europe, immediately following the 2017 Madison Square Garden Rally.

In prayer this morning, I was filled with repentance, but also with hope and expectation. Fumiko and I are truly sorry before all of you and before Heaven that we have not been able to do anywhere near enough to meet our Heavenly Parent's dreams and desires for our region. As we enter this third year of our mission here, we seriously re-determine ourselves to do better, to live for others with more passion, love and conviction, just as True Parents have shown us.

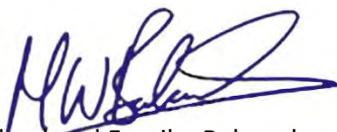
But at the same time we are profoundly grateful to God and True Parents for the steady progress of the providence under their leadership. True Mother's recent victories in Korea, the United States, and in Africa are not only deeply inspiring for all our European and Middle East family members, but also have the potential to have great impact on our work here. And we are confident that our victory in Albania will mark the beginning of the restoration of Heavenly Europe throughout 2020 and beyond.

We want to say "Thank you" to all European families for your support, your prayers, and your patience. I can honestly say that our region is "waking up" and there are many signs of coming victory. The number of blessed couples and heavenly tribal messiah victors is growing fast; witnessing is developing once again and our UPF and WFWP programs are reaching higher and higher levels. We have had successful Cheonbo events in all our subregions, if you count Turkey which is next week.

Today, a team of young people from STF Europe are beginning work in Sao Tome which we hope will prepare the foundation for True Mother's next Africa Summit and Blessing in September. Elsewhere, our youth are active in workshops run by ESGD, and by the national chapters. Many will go to Global Top Gun in Korea. Indeed, we have so much to be grateful for!

Let's all join together and pledge to do our best to be the filial children that God and True Parents are urgently training and raising us to be.

With love and appreciation



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